CLASS XXVII

ULTIMA

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IN MEMORY OF . . .

Shortly after we began our classes at the academy, we were shocked by a tragedy that none of us thought possible. On January 28, Shuttle mission 51-L (Space Shuttle Challenger) lifted off from launch pad 39B of the Kennedy Space Center at precisely 11:30 AM. The Challenger carried a crew of seven astronauts and the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite. 73 seconds after launch, the solid rocket booster that was carrying the shuttle spaceward exploded, killing all aboard. Many of us in Class 27 grew up with the space program, and like many Americans, took for granted the courage of the men and women who have served their nation in the vacuum of space. We don't any longer.

This book is dedicated to the memory of the astronauts of Challenger, pictured below. (Back row, left to right) Mission Specialist El Onizuka, Teacher in Space Participant S. Christa McAuliffe, Payload Specialist Greg Jarvis, and Mission Specialist Judy Resnik; (front row, left to right) Pilot Mike Smith, Commander Dick Scobee, and Mission Specialist Ron McNair. (Photos courtesy of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

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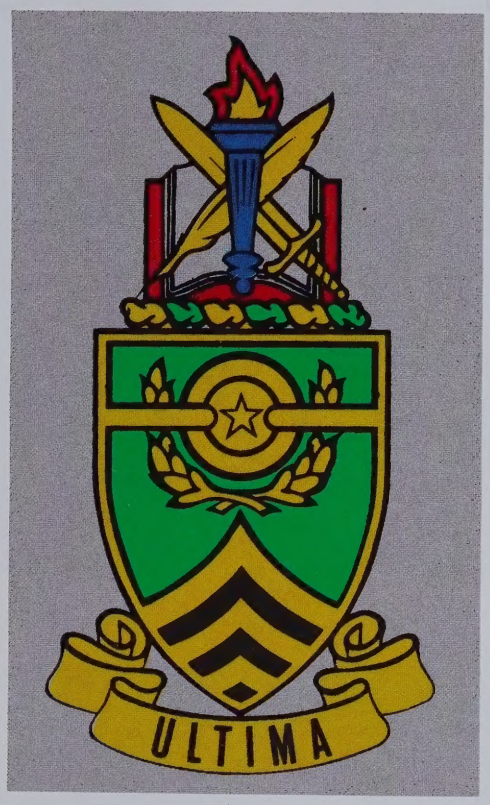


The Torch, in dark blue, established as the national color in Army Regulations of 1821, is flamed to indicate zeal, and, together with the book, signifies conveyance of knowledge and instruction in techniques required for professional leadership. The sword and quill pen represent both the combat and administrative services from which the Academy's students are drawn.

On the shield, Army green and yellow and the embowed chevrons are associated with the basic device of a noncommissioned officer insignia of grade. Gold chain links refer to the role of the sergeant major as a link between the soldier and his commander. The star, which signifies command, also indicates the high qualifications required of senior noncommisioned officers for attendance at the Academy. The laurel wreath, signifying past meritorious performance required for selection, and the star and chevrons are all emblems suggested by the highest insignia of grade for the noncommissioned officer.

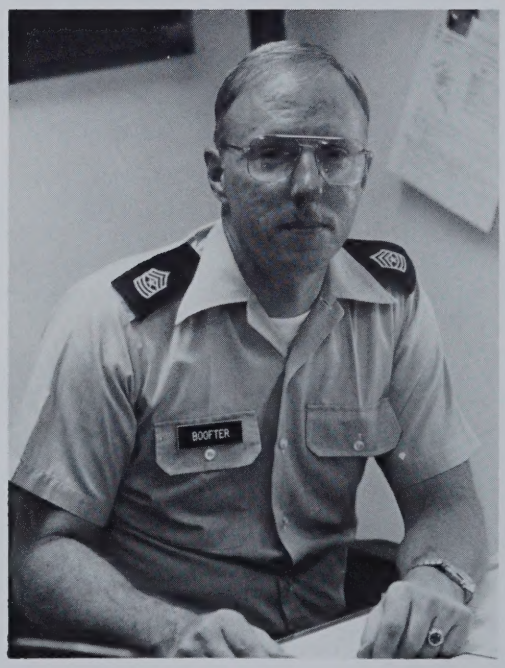
"ULTIMA" (The Ultimate) was selected as the motto of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy to signify that the Academy is the *ultimate* in noncommissioned officer for the *ultimate* in enlisted assignments throughout the defense establishment. This motto was conceived in July 1972 by CSM Arnold E. Orr, then Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Armor Center, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

COMMAND

Colonel Fitzhugh H. Chandler
Commandant

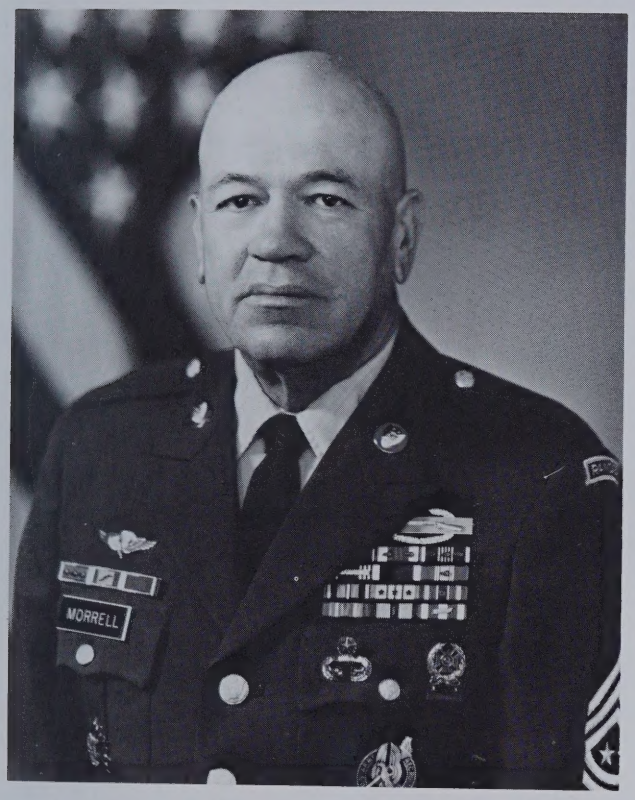
Command Sergeant Major Larry J. Hampton
Command Sergeant Major

Sergeant Major Donald W. Kelley
Commander, Staff and Faculty Company to 12 May 1986



Sergeant Major James E. Boofter
Commander, Staff and Faculty Company from 12 May 1986

Sergeant Major Robert A. Fernandez
Executive Officer, Staff and Faculty Company



Sergeant Major Glen E. Morrell
Sergeant Major of the Army

Master Chief William H. Plackett
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

Sergeant Major Robert E. Cleary
Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps

Chief Master Sergeant Sam E. Parish
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

SGM Daniel E. Buckner, Class President and Marlis Buckner

SGM Ronald J. Lodge, Class Vice-President and Susan Lodge

We'd like to take this opportunity to say that serving with the members of Class 27 as the Senior Class Officers has been an unforgettable experience. Throughout the 6 months of our stay at the academy, all of us has made new friends, learned, worked and played together, and are better soldiers for the experience. In retrospect, the only regret Ron and I have is that we were unable to get to know everybody as well as we would have liked. We *do* know, however, that "Pride in Professionalism," the motto for our class, was aptly chosen, for our pride in professionalism was clearly demonstrated in our performance at the academy. We also know that our motto is not just an empty phrase that will be forgotten on graduation day. Best of luck and continued success to you all.

THE NEW USASMA

One of the first sights that greeted us upon our arrival at the academy was something that looked like the result of a bombing raid. We weren't sure of what it was, but we could see that the men working on it were keeping very busy. We soon found out that ours was going to be one of the last classes to use the familiar "Conference Centers," and that what we saw upon arrival would soon be the new U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy building. The building, actually a complex, is being constructed at a cost of $17.9 million, and is scheduled for completion in March of 1987.

The complex will have 174,034 square feet of floor space, and will contain all the facilities that we use, but wear out shoe leather getting to. Contained in the complex will be the mailroom, student distribution center, group rooms, 2 auditoriums, and a TV studio. The structure will have the capacity of seating 180 First Sergeant Course students, 180 Operations and Intelligence Course students, and 360 Sergeants Major Course students.

The progress made on the complex during our 6 month stay was remarkable. By the time we departed Ft. Bliss, the structure was progressing well, and would soon become the type of facility that USASMA deserves.

USASMA

Class 27 of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy presented an interesting cross section of the Army and her sister services. The class started with a student load of 250, of which 211 were Regular Army, 9 Army Reserves, 16 National Guard, 5 Navy, 1 Navy Reserve, 6 Marines, and 2 Air Force. 244 members of the class were men, and of the women, 1 was Navy Reserve, the rest Army. Our class was made up of 36 E-9's, 103 E-8(p)'s, and 111 E-8's. The average age of the class was 39 with the youngest student being 32 (at the start of the class) and the oldest being 51. 101 of the class members were over 40 (life was just beginning for them). Two of our class members had Master's Degrees, 39 had Bachelor's Degrees, 48 had Associate's Degrees, 159 had some college, and 2 had high school or GED.

The average length of service in the class was 18 years, with the long-

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est being 28 and the shortest being 11! (We're still looking for that one!) The majority of the class was from the Combat Service Support branch, making up 108 of the student body. Combat Arms followed with 79, Combat Support with 49 and the remainder of the class was of sister services. 188 of the class members had First Sergeant experience, 31 with Sergeant Major time, and 26 had served as Command Sergeants Major. A variety of special skills and qualifications were represented, including Air Assault, Airborne, Drill Sergeant, Linguist, Pathfinder, Ranger, Special Forces, Recruiters, Submarine, and Surface Warfare. 229 of the students of Class 27 were married *(that* statistic changed for a couple of us), and 144 of those came accompanied. Altogether, we totalled 4,554 man-years of service.

ADAMS, E.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Sales

AINSWORTH, W.C.G.
MSG, USA, 91C50
Museum

ARCHULETA, G.J.
MSG, USA, 63Z5M
Chaplain

ARNOLD, T.J.
SGM, USA, 19Z50
Sales

ARREGUIN, J.
MSG, USA, 00R5H
Sales

BASS, A.
SGM, USA, 31Z50

BATES, R.D.
MSG, ARNG, 00E50
Dining Out

BECKETT, L.
MSG, USA, 76Z5K
Contingency

BECTON, G.H.
MSG, USA, 76Z5M
Sales

BENSON, R.A.
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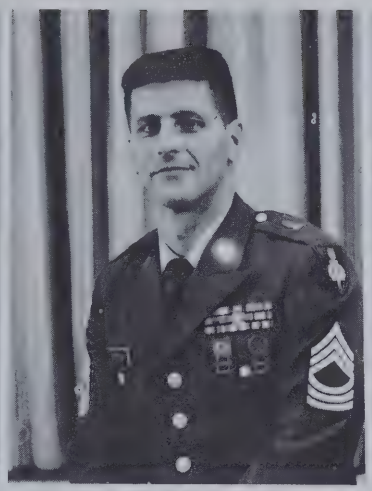

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Sales

BRANTLEY, J.E.
MSG, USA, 64Z5M
Sales

BREWER, H. JR.
MSG, ARNG, 11B50
Graduation Ball

BREWSTER, D.
MSG, USA, 57E5M
Chaplain

BROOKS, C.
MSG, USA, 31Z5M
Sales

BROWN, W.
MSG, USA, 00R5P
Dining In

BRUNER, G.
MSG, USAR, 00E50
Classbook

BRYANT, B.J.
SCPO, USNR
Sales

BUCHANAN, R.D.
MSG, USA, 12Z5H

BUCKNER, D.
SGM, USA, 27Z50
Class President

BURRIS, C.M. SR.
MSG, USA, 75Z50
Classbook

BURROWS, W.K.
MSG, USA, 11B5V
Dining In

CAIN, W.D.
MSG, USA, 12Z5P
Sales

CALLAHAN, W.L.
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PTO

CARLTON, D.
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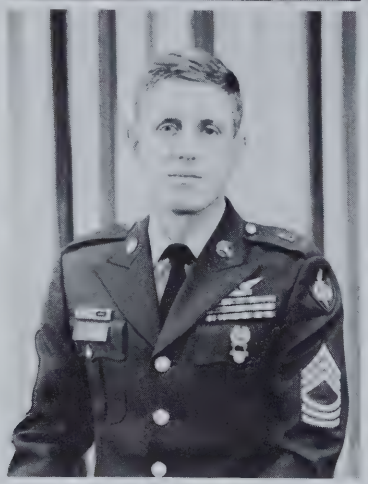
Cup & Flower

CARPENTER, R.A.
MSG, USA, 91B5M
Museum



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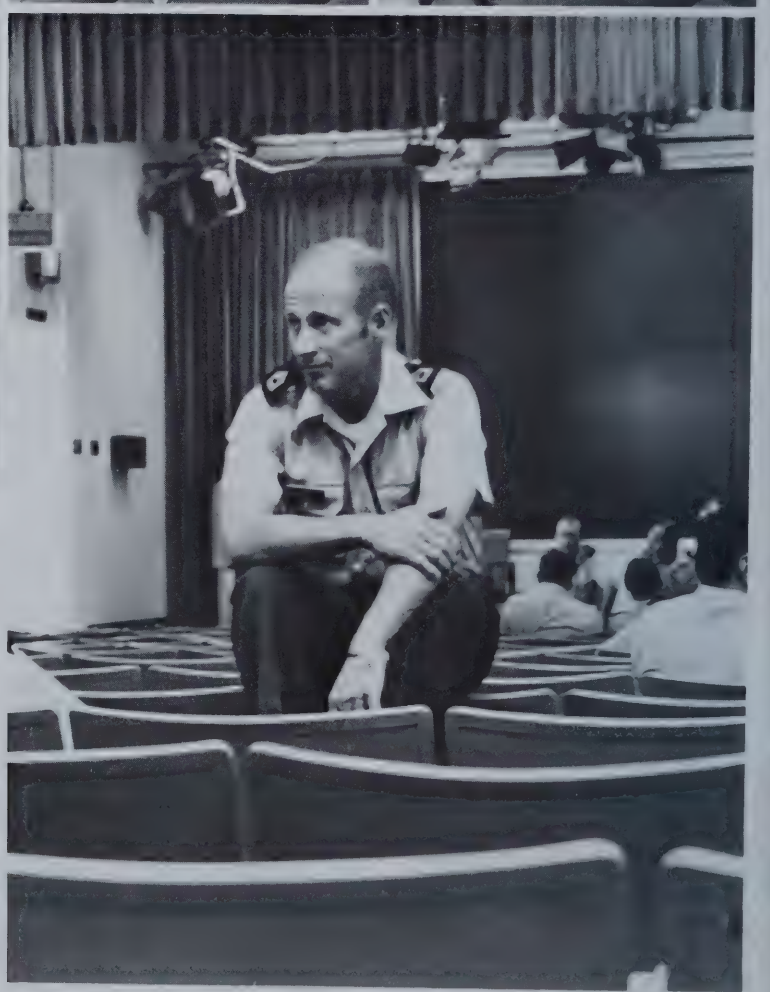

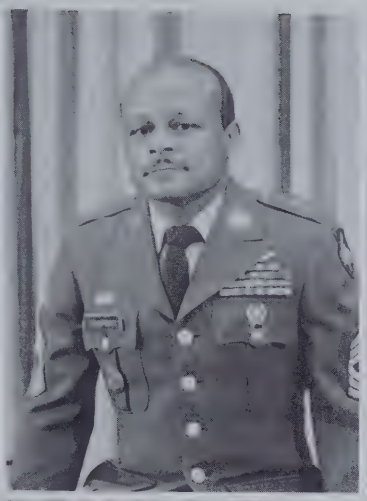

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CHAPMAN, F.
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CHLADEK,
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Museum

CHLAPOWSKI, J.A.
MSG, USA, 98Z5M
Sales

CLOWSER, J.
MSG, USA, 32Z5M
Dining Out

COLE, H. JR.
SGM, USA, 74Z50
Contingency

COLLINS, K.E.
MSG, USA, 64Z50
Dining Out

COOK, C.
MSG, USA, 71L5P
Dining In

COOPER, M.L.
MSG, USA, 76Z5M
Dining In

COPAS, R.L.
SGM, USA, 11B50
Museum

COPELAND, J.E.
MSG, USA, 63Z5H
DYA

DIXON, R.
MSG, USA, 76Z5M
Sales

CORNILLIE, R.P.
SGM, USA, 75Z50
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CRABTREE, R.L.
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CROCKETT, G.O.
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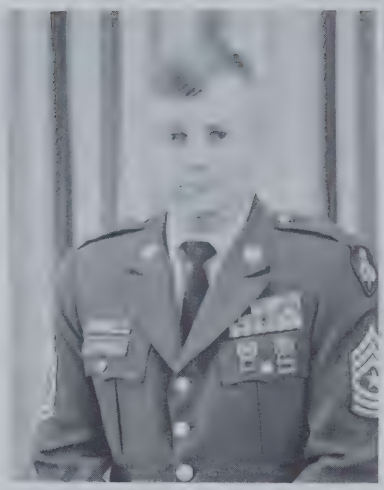
Dining In



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CURRY, D. JR.
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Sales

CRUZ, A.
MSG, USA, 13Y5M
Museum

DANIELS, J.C.
MSG, USA, 64Z5M
Dining In

DANIELS, W.D.
SGM, USA, 19Z50
Sales

DEAR, D.J.
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DELGADO, S.
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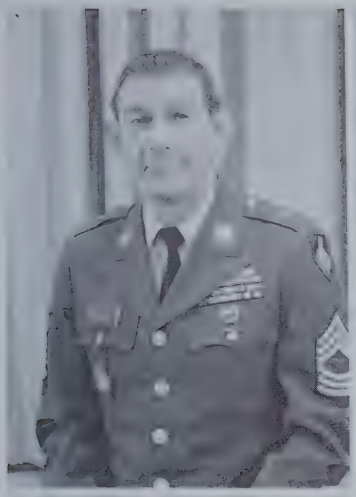

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Contingency

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DYA

DUFF, W.H.
MSG, USA, 94F5H
Cup & Flower

DUNCAN, W.T.
SGM, USA, 73Z50
Dining In

DUNN, W.A.
MSG, USA, 11B5P
Dining Out

EASTERLING, E.
MSG, USA, 13Y5M
Dining In

ELEDUI, A.
MSG, USA, 13Y5M
Sales

FIESEL, M.A.
SGM, USA, 75Z50
Dining In

FRANKLIN, A.L.
MSG, USA, 13Y5M
Sales

FREEDMAN, L.N.
SGM, USA, 18Z5H
Classbook

FRYER, J.C.
MSG, USA, 19Z50
Sales

GARRETT, D.
MSG, USA, 91B5M
Dining In

GARRETT, R.G.
MSG, USA, 54Z5M
PTO

GARZA, B.C.
MSG, USA, 71L50
Sales

GIBSON, C.W.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Sales

GILLIAM, A.
SGM, USA, 63Z50
Graduation Ball

GILLETTE, L.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Sales

GOMEZ, V.A.
MSG, USAR, 71L5M
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GONZALEZ, P.
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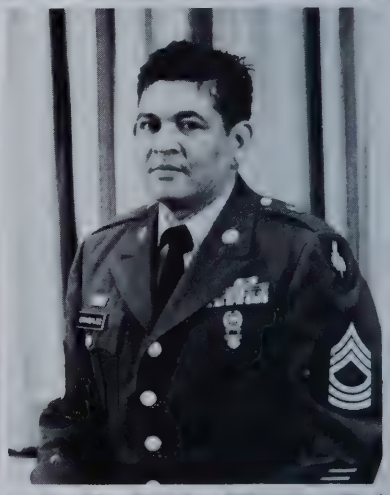
Classbook



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Sales

GOODMAN, R.D.
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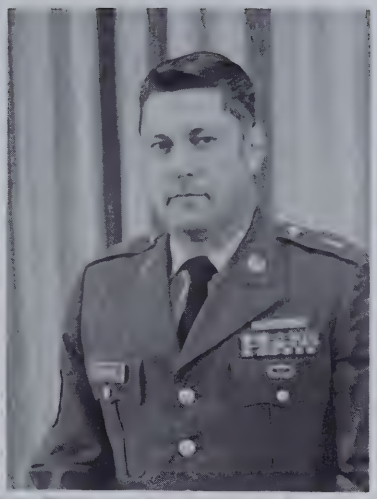
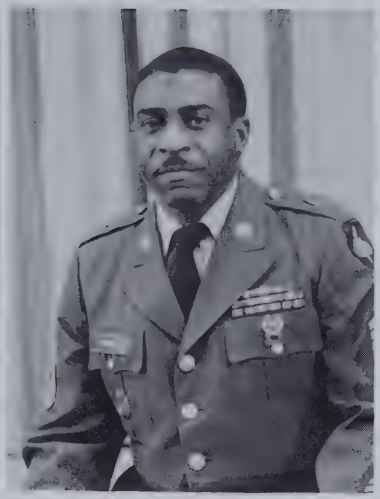
Sales

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Graduation Ball

GRAVES, R.L.
MSG, USA, 13Y5M
Sales

GRAVES, T.G.
CSM, USA, 67Z5M
DYA Chairman

GREEN, A.D.
MSG, USA, 13Y5M
Sales

GUESS, F.R.
MSG, USA, 95B5M
Scout

GURICK, E.P.
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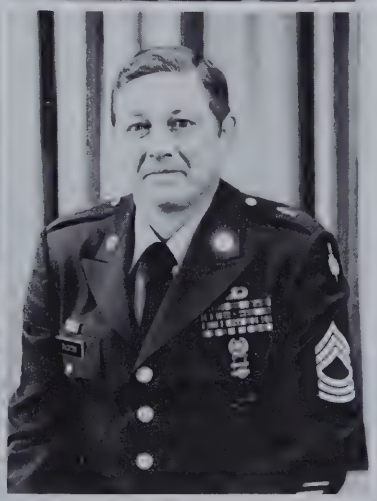
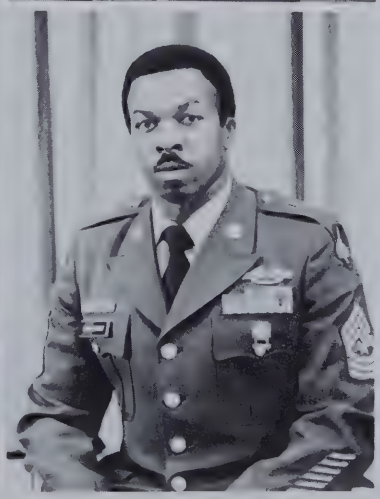

HARNESS, K.C.
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Class Ring

PAINTER, F.F.
MSG, USA, 00R5M
Sales/Photo

GALLOWAY, A.L.
SGM, USA, 11B50
Classbook

HARRIS, L.A.
MSG, USA, 63T50
Museum

HEISLER, R.H.
MSG, USA, 73Z5P
Graduation Ball

HENDRIX, J.C.
MSG, USA, 31V5M
Dining In

HENSON, B.R.
SMSGT, USAF, 49100
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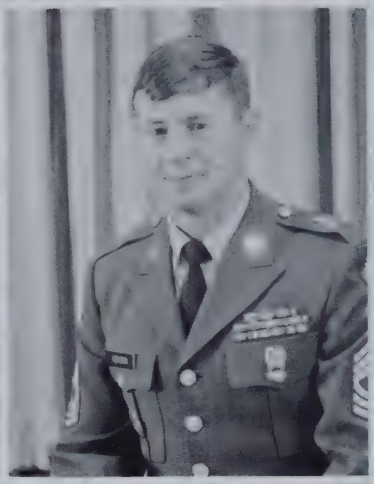

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Sales

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Dining In

HOPP, A.E.
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Cup & Flower

HOSTETLER, F.
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Sales

HUNT, W.
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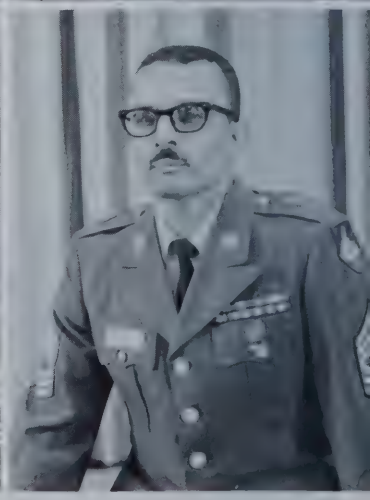
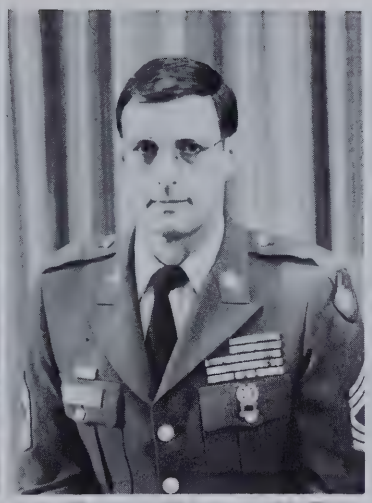
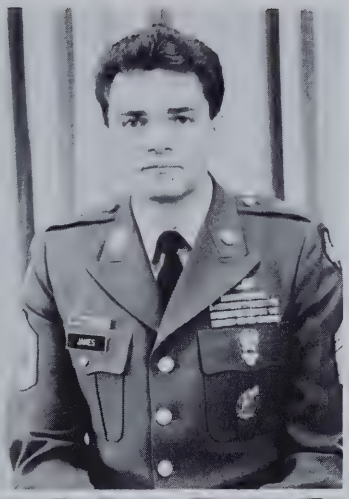
Chaplain



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Dining In

JAMES, L.M.
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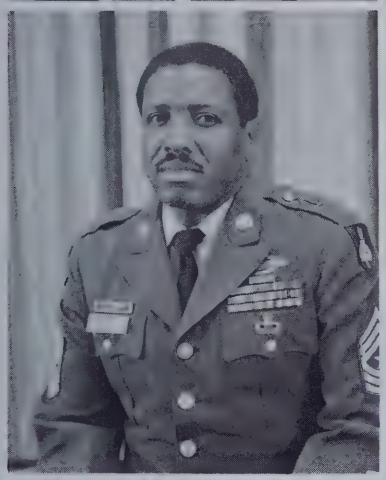
Sales



JOHNSON, A.
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Chaplain

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JONES, I.
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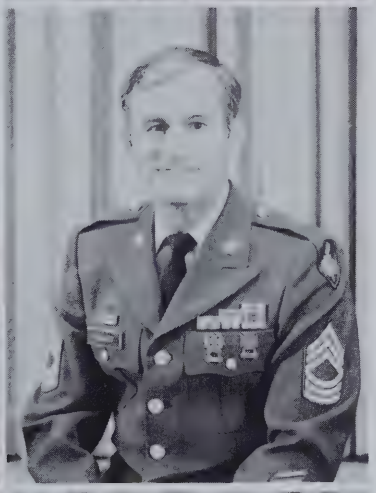

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PTO

KEEFER, J.C.
SGM, ARNG, 00E50
Sales

KIELPINSKI, B.
MSG, USA, 11B50
Sales

KINARD, F.
SGM, USA, 11B50
Chaplain

KING, H.
MSG, USMC, 1541
Classbook

KLASS, D.
MSG, USA, 71M20
Chaplain

KORNELY, G.W.
MSG, ARNG, 11B50
Sales

KRUEGER, T.J.
SGM, USA, 73Z50
Dining Out

LARIMER, K.R,
MSG, USA, 75Z5M
Graduation Ball

LAURITSON, G.
MSG, USA, 12Z5M
Museum

LEONESIO, D.L.
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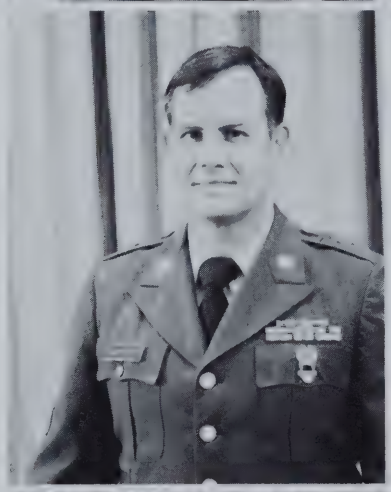

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Sales

LEWIS, L.D.
MSG, USAR, 00J50
Classbook

LODGE, R.
SGM, USA, 98Z50
Vice President

LOWERY, D.
MSG, USA, 71L5M
Grad Ball & Chap

LOYD, F.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Sales

LUTHER, D.
MSG, USA, 31Z5M
Sales

LYNCH, D.
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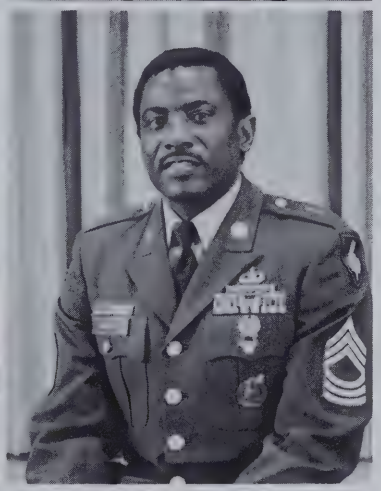
McALLISTER, B.G.
MSG, USA, 11B5Y
Chaplain



MACUMBER, D.W.
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Classbook

MADDOX, J.
OSCS, USN, 0341
Color Guard

MATHIS, B.
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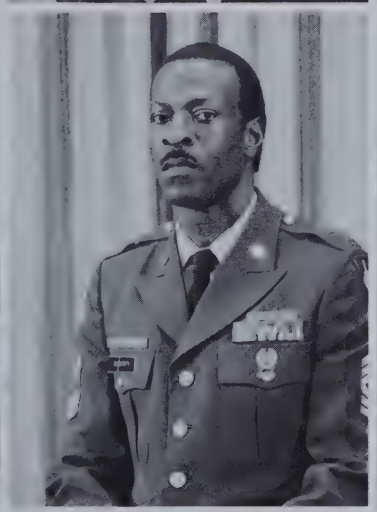
Sales



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McINTOSH, F.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Sales

McNAIR, L.
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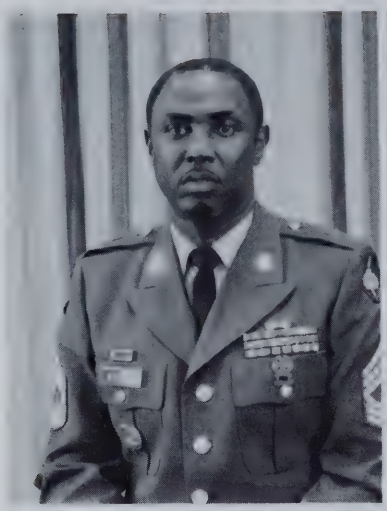
MALINOWSKI, M.
JOCS (SU), USN
Classbook Editor

MARTIN, J.E.
MSG, USA, 75Z50
Classbook



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Dining Out

MAYFIELD, A. JR.
MSG, USA, 76Z5M
Dining Out

MEANS, R.C.
MSGT, USMC, 6391
Color Guard

MEYER, A.E.
MSG, USA, 19Z50
Sales

MILLER, J.
MSG, USA, 00J50
Sales

MILLIKEN, E.C.
MSG, USA, 11B50
Class Ring

MILLING, W.C.
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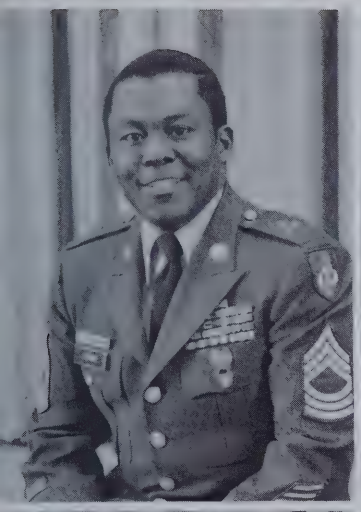

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Classbook

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Color Guard

MORROW, M.J. JR.
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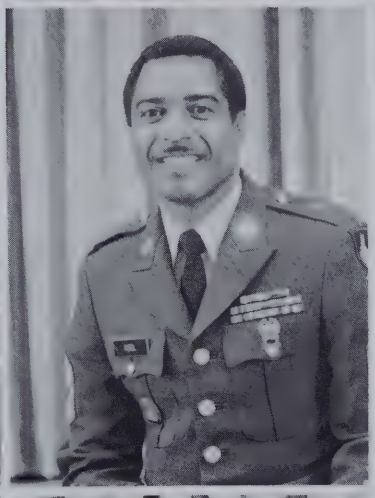

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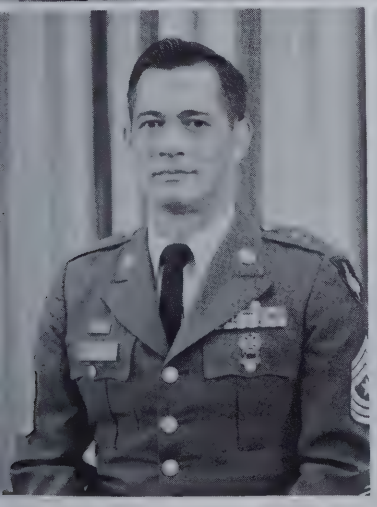
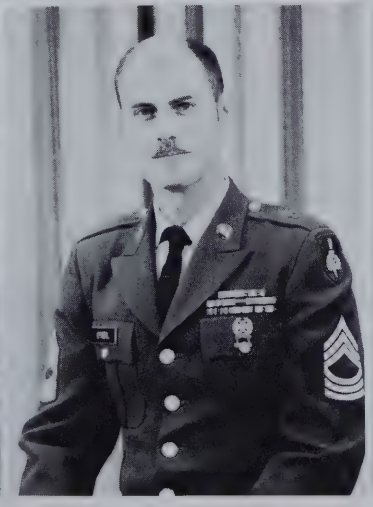

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Class Ring

OPPERMAN, D.C.
MSG, USA, 12Z5M
Sales

OWENS, E.F.
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Color Guard

PARKE, W.E.
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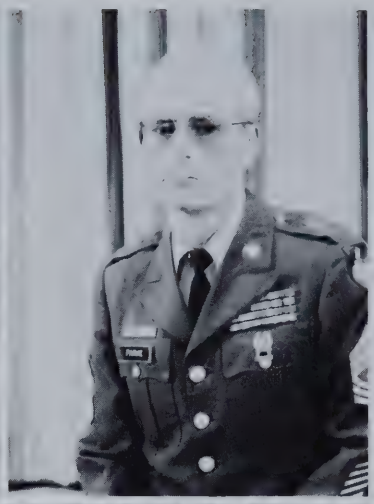
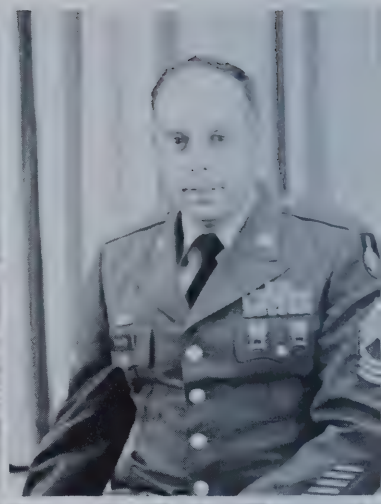
Contingency

PARKER, R.N.
MSG, USA, 95B50
Boy Scout





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Classbook

PERRY, G.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Museum

PETRUSKA, T.
CMSGT, USAF, 73200
Color Guard

PETTY, G.
EMCS, USN, 3364
Color Guard

PHAIR, T.D.
MSG, USA, 31Z50
Museum

PICHETTE, M.E.
MSG, USA, 11B5V
Color Guard

PIERCE, R.C.
MSG, USA, 11B50
Sales

POYTHRESS, D.E.
MSG, USA, 71D5P
Class Secretary

PRATCHER, T.
MSG, USA, 11B5P
Graduation Ball

PREMO, D.P.
SGM, USA, 75Z5M
Dining Out

PRICE, R.V.
MSG, USA, 00R50
Sales

PYATT, E.
SGM, USA, 11B5M
Cup & Flower

QUINTANILLA, P.C.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Color Guard

RAMOS, E.
MSG, USA, 00R50
Dining Out

REYNOLDS, R.
SGM, USA, 13Y5M
Dining Out

RIGGINS, A.R.
MSG, USA, 75Z5B
Dining In

ROACH, G.D.
MSG, USA, 63Z50
LRC

ROJAS, F.S.N.
SGM, USA, 19Z5M
Sales

ROOK, R.
1ST SGT, USMC, 9999
Color Guard - Honor

ROSS, R.
MSG, USA, 19Z50
Dining In

SANFORD, F.L.
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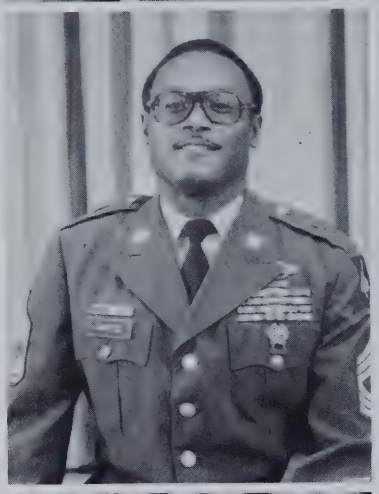

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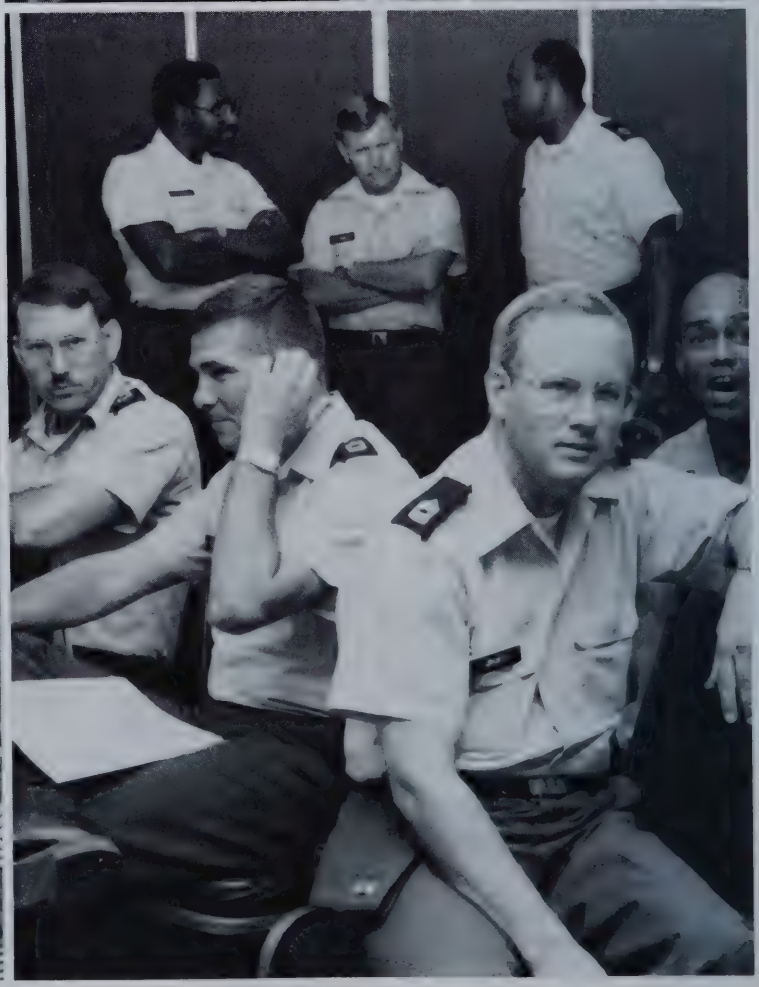

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SEGER, B.J.
MSG, USA, 75Z50
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SHRADER, J.H.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Sales

SLOCUM, S.
MSG, USA, 11B50
Graduation Ball

SMITH, J.L.
MSG, USA, 31Z5M
Sales

SMITH, S.K.
SGM, USA, 67Z5M
Sales

SNEED, R.L.
MSG, USA, 11B5P
Museum

SOUZA, A.A.
MSG, USA, 13Y50
Sales

SPEARS, B.F.
MSG, USA, 11B50
Graduation Ball

STAY, L.
MSG, USA, 11B50
Graduation Ball

STEVENSON, R.B.
MSG, USA, 97B5M
Color Guard

STILLS, R.
MSG, USA, 67Z5X
Dining Out

STONE, W.M.
MSG, ARNG, 19Z50
Classbook

STRICKLAND, H.L.
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TAYLOR, W.L.
MSG, USA, 32Z5P
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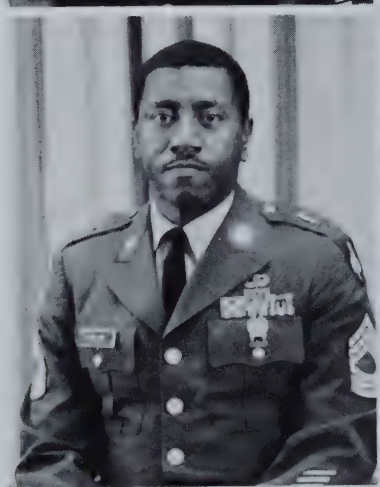

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MSG, ARNG, 11B50
Classbook

TOBIN, H.P.
MSG, USA, 67Z5M
Classbook

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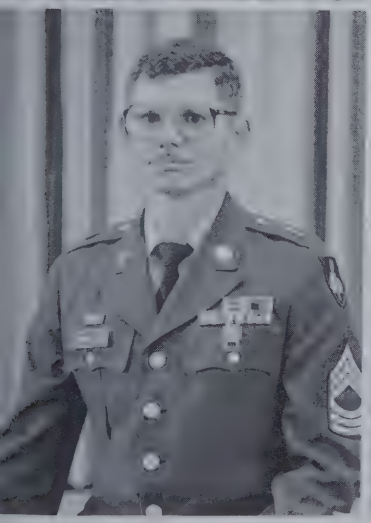

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Class Chaplain

UNDERWOOD, J.
MSG, USA, 13Y5M
Museum

UPTON, W.T.
MSG, USA, 95B50
Contingency

VALENTINE, J.T.
MSG, USA, 63Z5K
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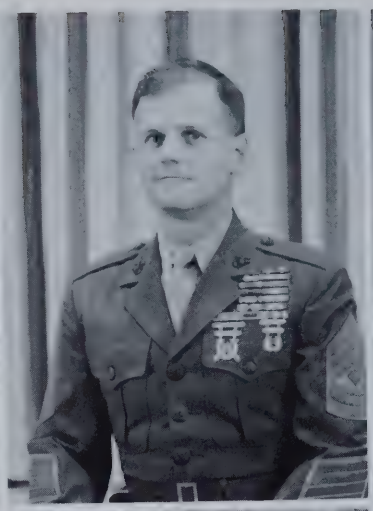
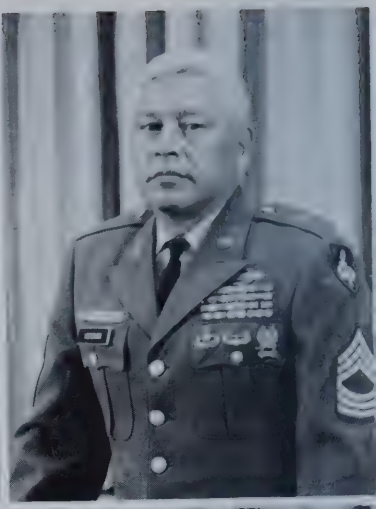
VERDUGO, C.D.
MSG, USA, 11B50
Chaplain





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MGS, USA, 75Z50
Classbook

WEST, J.I.
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Classbook

WEST, J.C.
SGM, USA, 13Z50
Classbook

WHEELOCK, T.M.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Museum

WHITE, G.R.
MSG, USA, 71L5M
Contingency

WILBANKS, E.R.
MSG, USA, 11B5M
Color Guard

WILKE, L.E.
MSG, USA, 19Z50
PTA

WILLIAMS, J. JR.
SCPO, USN, EMCS
Classbook

WILLIAMS, L.
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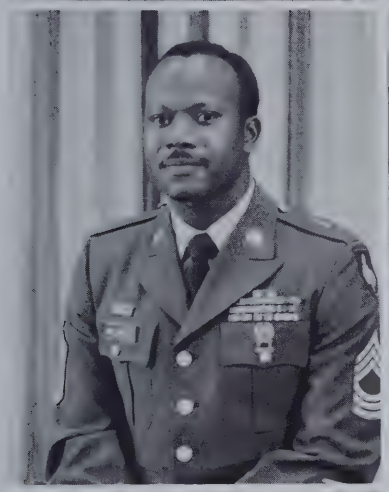
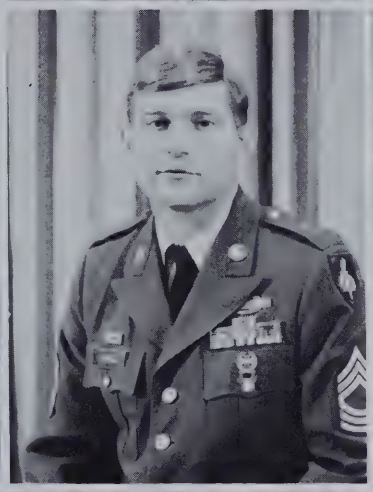
Dining Out

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Graduation Ball

YATES, R.G.
MSG, USA, 19Z5M
Dining Out

YOST, G.
MSG, USA, 73Z5M
Class Treasurer

YOUNG, G.R.
MSG, USA, 51Z5M
PTA

ZIARKO, S.
SGM, ARNG, 00Z50
Honor

ROBERTSON, J.D.
MSG, USA, 54Z5M
Sales

DIETZ, T.R.
MSG, USA, 71L50
Sales

HARRIS, D.N.
MSG, USA, 91C50
Contingency

JETT, R.G.
SGM, USA, 12Z50
Sales

KAROLCHYK, J.J.
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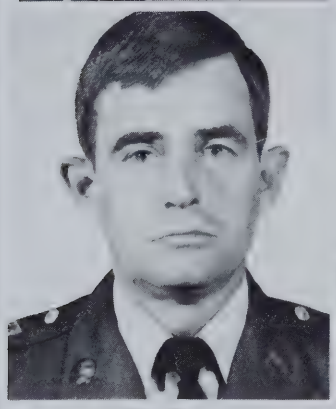

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Contingency

PACKARD, R.E.
MSG, AGR, 54Z
Sales

PARRISH, K.L.
MSG, USA, 11B
Sales

RIDGEWAY, H.W.
MSGT, USMC, 5811
Sales

SEAL, D.C.
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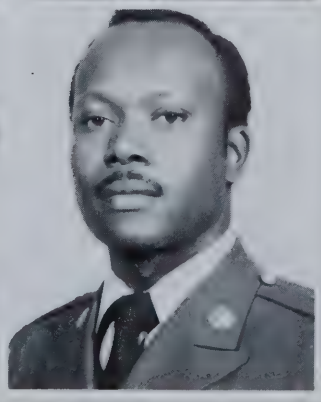
Classbrook

SIMMONS, R.A.
1STSGT, USMC 9999
Color Guard



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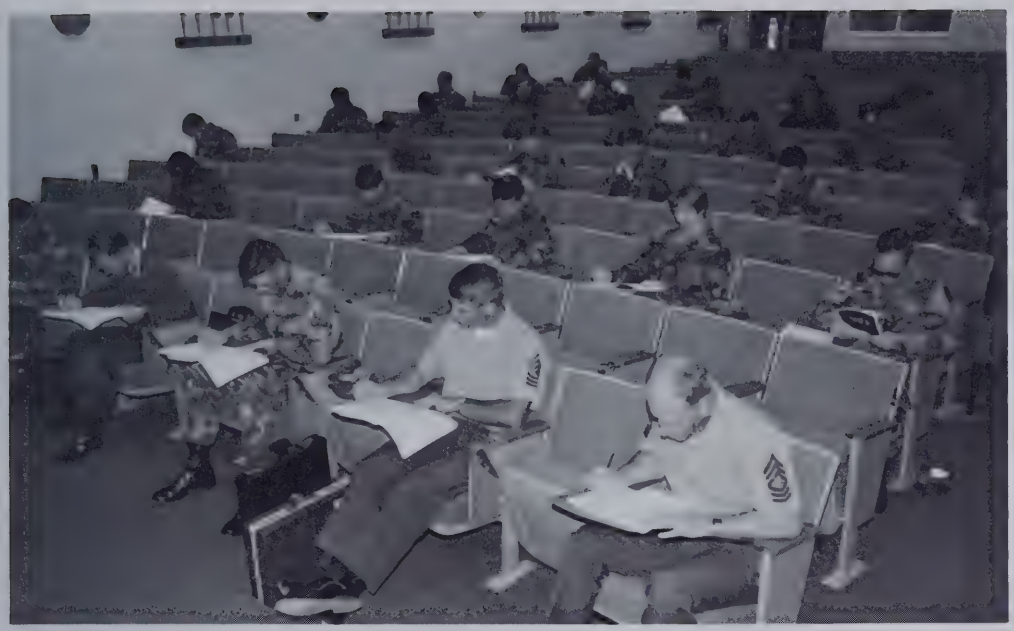
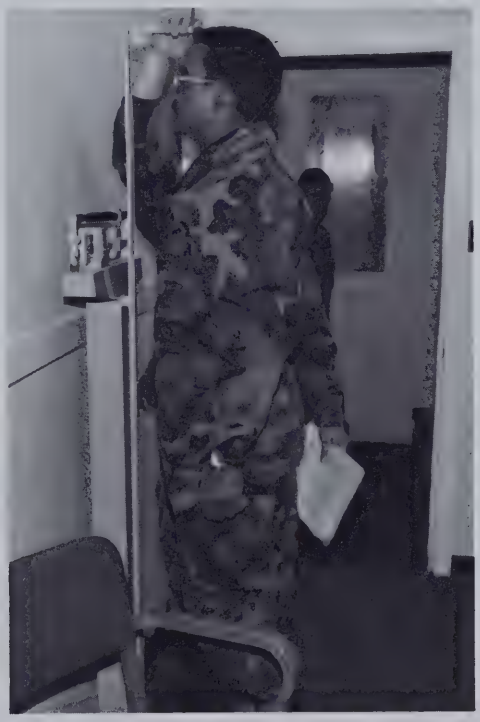
Grad. Ball

WILLIAMS, W. Jr.
MSG, USA, 32Z
Sales

WELCOME ABOARD

THE EARLY DAYS





During our first two weeks, we were poked, pinched, assigned, signed up, and unpacked. It's known as "inprocessing," and it's one of those evolutions that must be done. The staff of USASMA that handles the inprocessing paper-work is small, and so much of the "station-manning" was done by those students of class 27 that arrived early.

Inprocessing for the academy consists of checking in, weighing in (to include the ever-popular "pinch test" for body fat), quarters assignment, and diagnostic testing. For many of us, the true intensity of inprocessing was the wait for quarters, and the subsequent and unavoidable unpacking of household goods. Although we all considered it an ordeal, we never realized that this would be one of the more relaxing aspects of being a student at USASMA.

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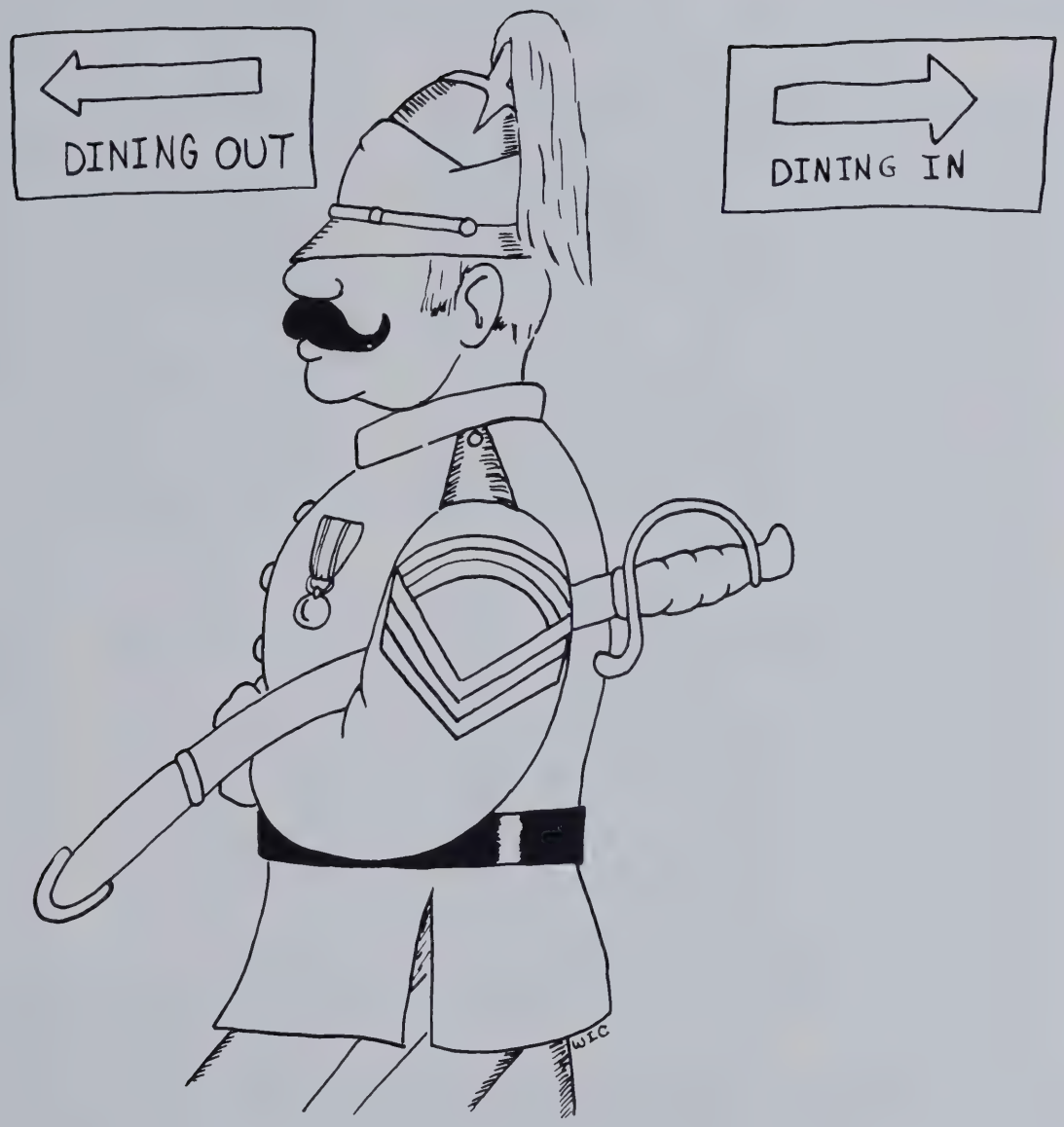
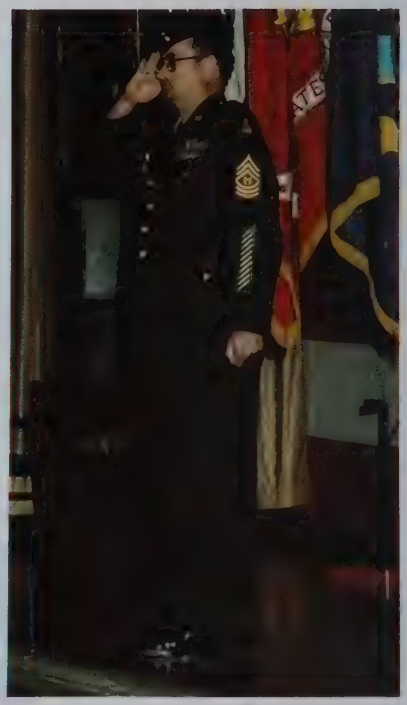


SPECIAL EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONY

By the time February 7 rolled along, we had finished (with a few exceptions) all of our inprocessing, to include the period of time known as "0" week, and were all ready for our class to officially begin. This took place in the traditional Opening Ceremony, which was held at the Center Theater at Ft. Bliss. We weren't quite prepared for what was about to take place. The color guard members really earned their pay, performing splendidly in a most impressive flag ceremony. Following the ceremony, we "passed through" a receiving line, and then enjoyed each other's company in a reception in our honor. Finally, we were an official class!



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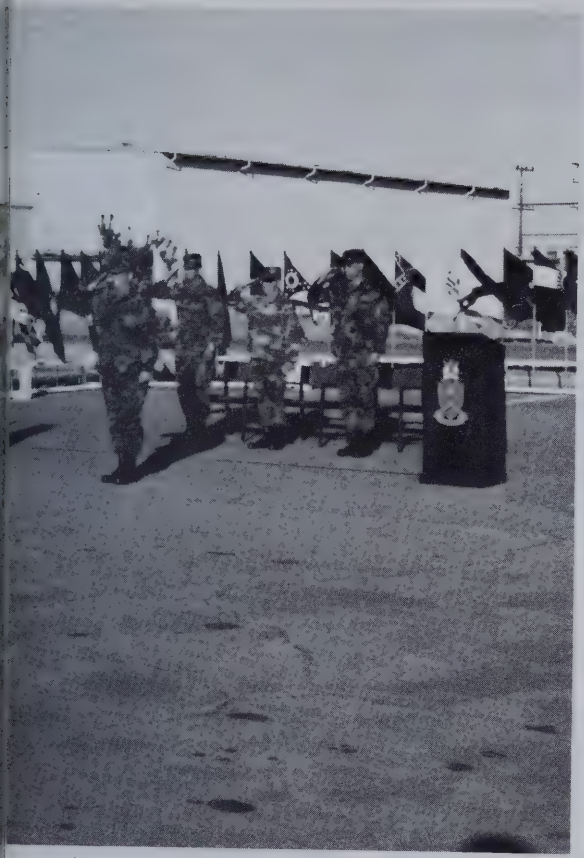

OURS WEREN'T THE ONLY NEW NAMES AT USASMA

Shortly after we began classes at the academy, we received a weekly class schedule that stated that a street dedication ceremony would take place. We were new to the academy, and weren't really quite certain what this was all about, but on February 19, 1986, we all assembled in the parking lot across from the Biggs Theater and took our places in the bleachers. This was the second official function for which our Color Guard performed, and outside of the lecture center, was one of the rare times when the entire class gathered together. When the programs were handed out, we all became aware of the importance of the event. Several streets at Biggs were being renamed in honor of Army Noncommissioned Officers. These names were submitted by individuals and organizations at Fort Bliss and Biggs Field, and were selected by a panel of NCOs from the Sergeants Major Academy. The name of the main thoroughfare through Biggs was also renamed to Sergeants Major Boulevard. Although Biggs has been known as the "Home of the Noncommissioned Officer," the renaming of these streets has now left little doubt in the minds of anyone who visits Biggs Field that they are in NCO Country.

DINING IN

One of our first official functions that we participated in as a class was the Dining In. The Dining In is a traditional event that was inherited (like many of our traditions) from the British Army, in which the soldiers of a specific unit gather for an evening of rather spirited comeraderie. Amidst the formality, it is not uncommon to see participants "performing" in ways for which they could have never prepared. Many of us were entertained by members of the sister services who sang their service songs, points-of-order were called for serious breaches of etiquette, and of course, the Mess President was NEVER wrong. Those who thought otherwise were lucky enough to sample the contents of the "grog bowl."

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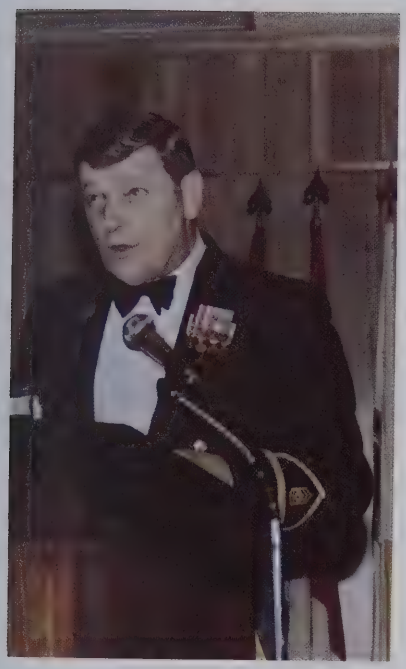
DINING OUT

ALL GRADER'S CLUB
9 MAY, 1986



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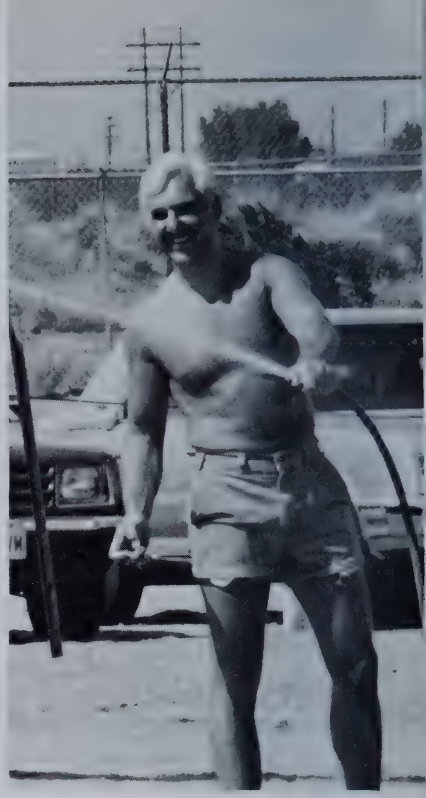
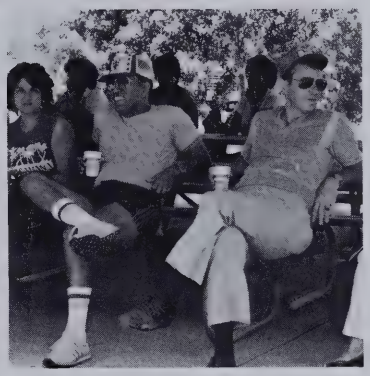
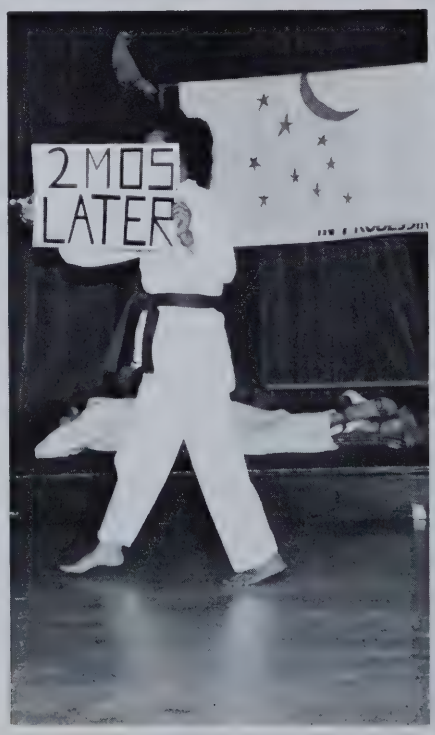


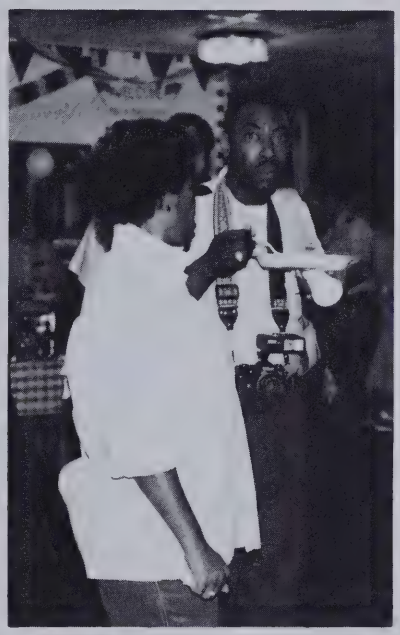


The Founder's Day picnic takes place once a year at USASMA to honor those people who saw the need for and established the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. We all came, students, staff, and faculty, to enjoy each other's company outside the academic environment. Food, drinks, games, and a band were all there to make the day special. Additionally, one of USASMA's staff members donned a special dress uniform, for the benefit of the younger participants present — but her identity is safe with us!

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE

One of the truly special events that we were treated to during our stay was the International Coffee. The Ultima Wives prepared delicacies from England, the United States, Germany, Norway, Japan, and Samoa, and *we* spent the afternoon eating it. In addition, the wives groups also presented what they called "skits", some of which depicted the customs of the country they represented, while others parodied life at the academy. While all was in good fun, many of us were quite suprised by the impressions that our wives had of us, our school, and the service. Nobody will deny, however, that the effort put forth by the wives was nothing less than Herculean, and a splendid time was had by all.

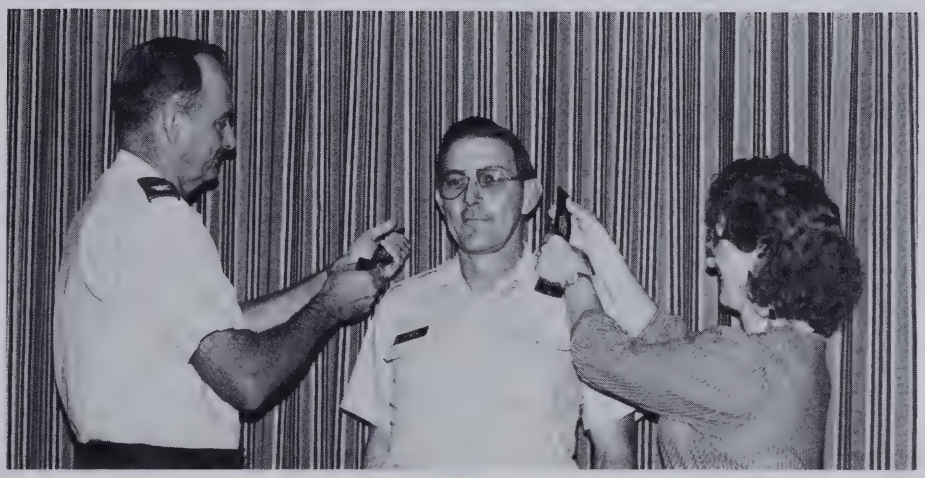




Happy Days
Are 19 Jun
Here 10 Jul
Again

OUR HEROES

Every month, the class would assemble in the Lecture Center to see our classmates receive the rewards for their efforts, either by way of well-deserved promotions or awards of various sorts. Although it's been rumored, it can't be substantiated: Class 27 had one of the largest totals for awards and promotions in one class. We tend to believe it. Unfortunately, in order to get a photo of everyone's award or promotion ceremony, we would have to start a new volume, so the photos here are a sampling. For a complete list of our heroes, see page 54.



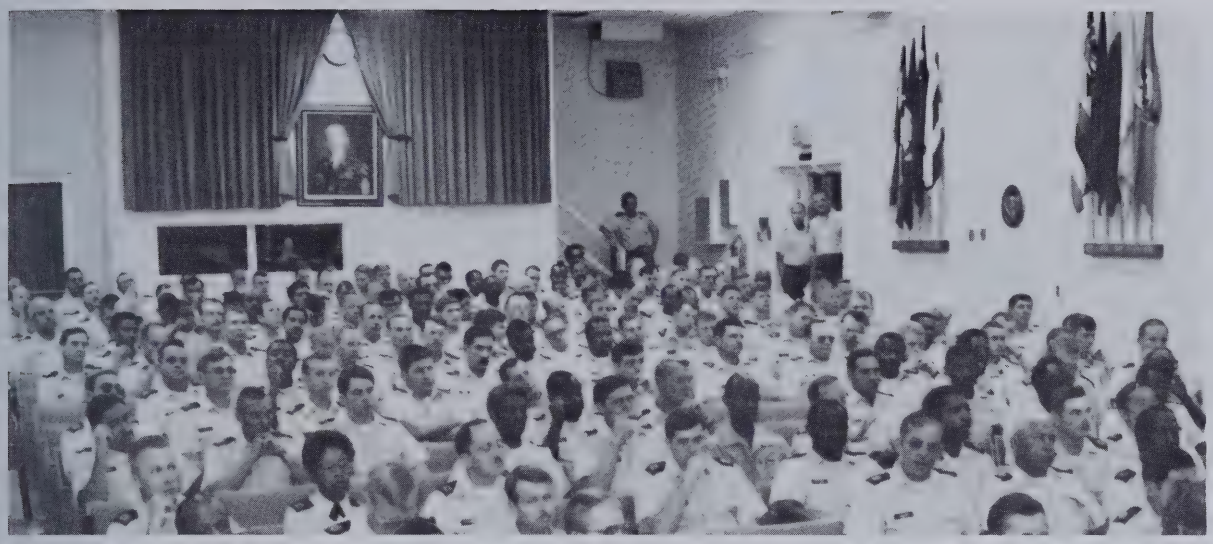
The following members of Class 27 were promoted and/or appointed to the ranks indicated:

CSM Ronald Lodge
CSM Liddel McNair
CSM Ronald Lynch
SGM William Duncan
SGM Herbert Gilliam
CSM Thomas Phair
CSM Frank Rojas
CSM Raymond Reynolds
CSM Stevan Smith
SGM R. H. Heisler
SGM Santiago Gonzales
SGM Theodore Krueger
SMG Allen Hodges
CMSGT Thomas Petruska
CSM Robert Mix
SGM Joseph West
SGM Dennis Caudle
SGM Donald Carlton
CSM Glenn DeMent

SGM Anthony Bass
SGM Edward Gurick
SGM Darwin Premo
CSM Tommy Arnold
CSM Bruce Bickford
CSM Walter Daniels
CSM Thomas Graves
CSM Arthur Johnson
CSM James Karolchyk
CSM Willie Milling
CSM John Moncrief
SGM Richard Cornillie

The Following members of Class 27 received the awards indicated while at USASMA:

CMSGT Thomsa Petruska	MSM (2 OLC)
MSG Richard Garret	MSM (1 OLC)
MSG Edward Jurutka	MSM (2 OLC)
MSG Bishop Johnson	MSM (1 OLC)
MSG Robert Mix	MSM (1 OLC)
MSG Harvey Strickland	MSM (3 OLC)
MSG Ronnie Yates	MSM
MSG Steven Croft	ARCOM (2 OLC)
MSG Alvin Meyer	ARCOM (1 OLC)
SGM Santos Delgado	JSCM
MSG James Brantley	MSM; AAM (1 OLC)
MSG Adalbert Eledui	ARCOM (2 OLC)
MSG Bobby McAllister	MSM
MSG Robert Carpenter	MSM
EMCS James Williams	NCM (Second)
MSG Ronald Packard	MSM
SGM Lawrence Freedman	ARCOM (1 OLC)
MSG Gerald Young	ARCOM (4 OLC)
MSG Douglas Seal	MSM (2 OLC)
MSG Allan Hopp	MSM (1 OLC)
MSG Robert Stevenson	MSM (2 OLC)
SGM Roger Hall	MSM
MSG Robert Houghton	MSM
MSG Thomas Phair	MSM
SGM Raymond Copas	MSM (2 OLC)
MSG William Duff	MSM (1 OLC)
MSG Luther Lewis	ARCOM (2 OLC)
MSG Al Ramos	ARCOM (3 OLC)
SMSGT Billy Henson	MSM (2 OLC)
SGM Joseph West	ARCOM
MSG Thorton Pratcher	MSM (1 OLC)
MSG Earl Milliken	ARCOM (2 OLC)
SGM Kenneth Harness	MSM (1 OLC)
SGM Frank Rojas	MSM (1 OLC)
MSG Warren Burrows	MSM (1 OLC)
EMCS Grady Petty	Navy Good Conduct (Third)
YNCS Betty Bryant	Navy Good Conduct (Third)

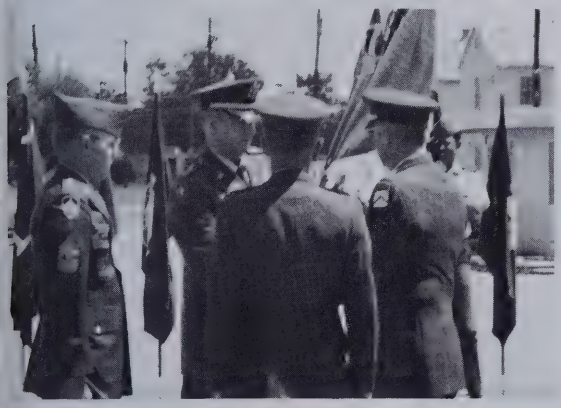


CHANGE OF COMMAND

On May 12, 1986, command of the student and staff company of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy was officially turned over. The company flag was passed from the hands of SGM Donald Kelly to SGM James Boofter in a ceremony that included the Commandant, COL Fitzhugh Chandler and the former First Sergeant, now executive Officer, SGM Robert Fernandez. SGM Boofter was formerly the Chief Instructor for the school, and now serves in the rare position of an enlisted company commander.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Changes seemed to be the order of the day for Class 27. Not only did command change for the Staff and Faculty Company Commander, but, on June 27, Colonel Fitzhugh Chandler passed the USASMA flag to Colonel Richard Edwards, making COL Edwards the 7th Commandant of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. Remarks were made by Lieutenant General Gerald T. Bartlett, Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as well as by Colonels Chandler and Edwards. Despite the heat of the afternoon, students and staff of the academy conducted the ceremony in typical USASMA fashion — with digi and sharpness. Class 27 offers best wishes to both COL Chandler and COL Edwards in their new assignments.

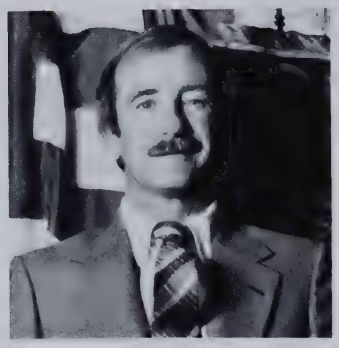


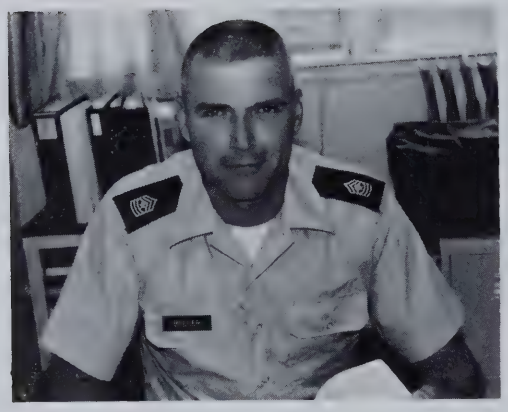
"TYING THE KNOT" AT USASMA

Wedding Bells rang for a couple of our classmates (which ruined the statistics on single class members that appeared earlier) during the time they spent in El Paso. MSG W. Williams, Jr. and SGM F. Kinard both employed the post chapel at Biggs to make the transition from bachelor to "Happily Married Man," and each imposed his own special style on the ceremony. We know that these marriages were certainly made "in heaven," and wish both the best.

STAFF & FACULTY

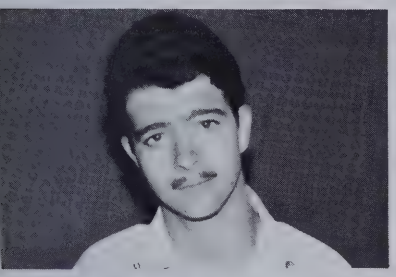
HEAD-QUARTERS

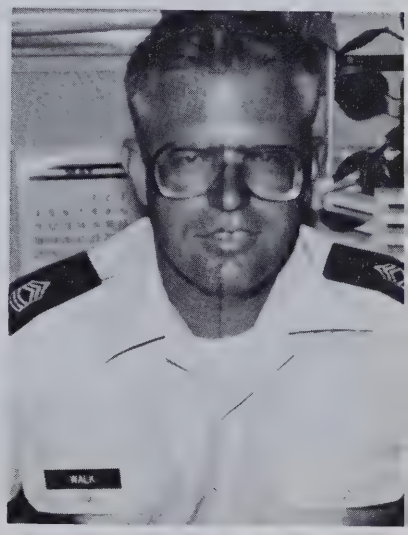


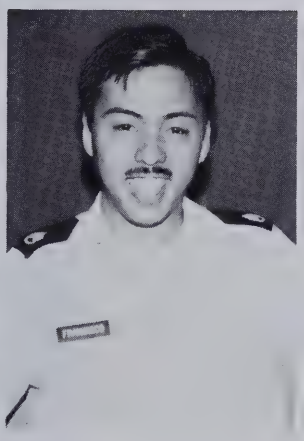


It takes a lot of people, doing a lot of different things, to make the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy the successful institution it is. Subject Matter Experts, Primary Lesson Authors, Faculty Advisors, and a host of administrative personnel. Everyone makes a significant contribution, and while we, as students may not get to know all of them, and while they may not all be pictured on these and subsequent pages, their value to the school and to all the students who attend is immense indeed. After all, the academy, like any other school is much more than buildings, books, and blackboards. It's people — some of the best.

Left to right, from top left:
GS-11 Michael Mitchell
LTC George Hobson
SGM Richard Buller
SFC Ronald Hillen
SGM Edwin Lascola
SGM Wendell Keith
SGM Robert Driggs
LTC Wesley Linder
(Deputy Commandant)







Left to right, from top left:
SGM Timothy Pentecost
SFC Richard Czizik
PFC Kathleen Sharpless
SP4 Michael Csapo
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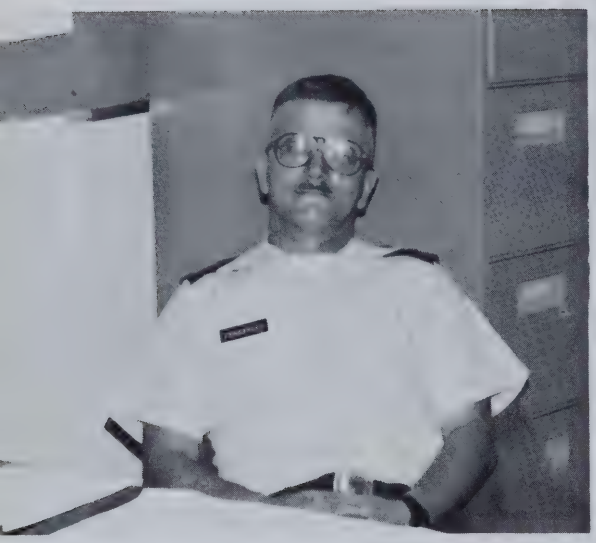
PFC Norma Goo
MSG(P) Wayne Walk
MSG Jimmy Ball
SGM Harold Harper
SSG Rodney Francisco
MSG Willard Mosher

ORDERLY ROOM



Clockwise from far left:
SGM Robert Fernandez
SGT Barbara Taylor
SSG Victor Bailey
SP4 Rebecca Butcher
GS-3 Kathy Pfiel

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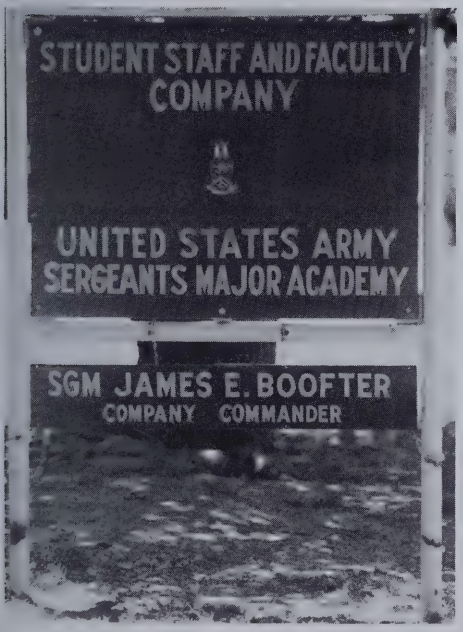
SGM James Boofter
SFC Pedro Ramos, SP4 Darryl Kettle
SGT Pridgeon
SFC Sarah Daniel



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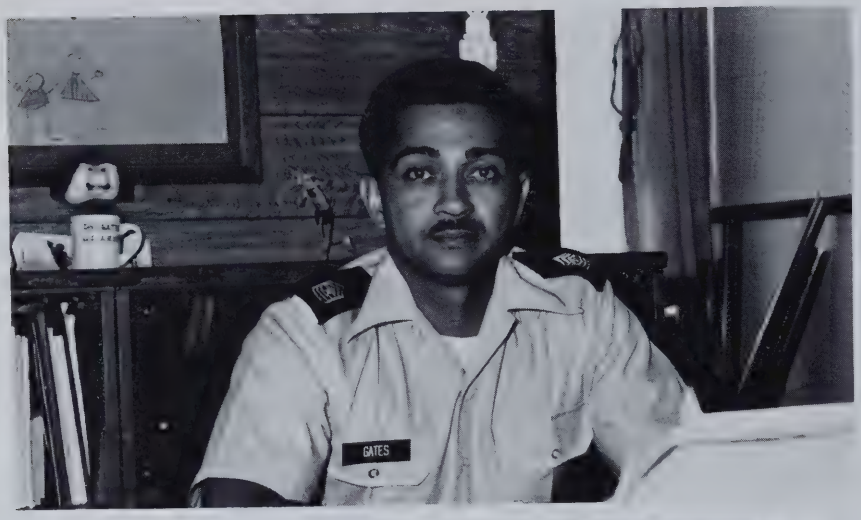

Clockwise from top left:
SGM George Gates
SGM Rafael Corella
(Senior Instructor)
SGM Charles Byrd
SGM George Barrett

Clockwise from top left:
SGM Clifford Wheelus
(Chief Instructor)
SGM Wayne Gibney
MSG Robert Hall
SGM Larry Byrd
MSG(P) John Lee

CONFERENCE CENTER #2

Clockwise from top left:
SGM McKeithan Smith
SGM William Paschall (Senior Instructor)
SGM Maurice Provencal
MSG(P) Daniel Murphy

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SGM Clarence Porter
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SGM Kenneth Ramsey
SGM Floyd Pearson
SGM James Bell

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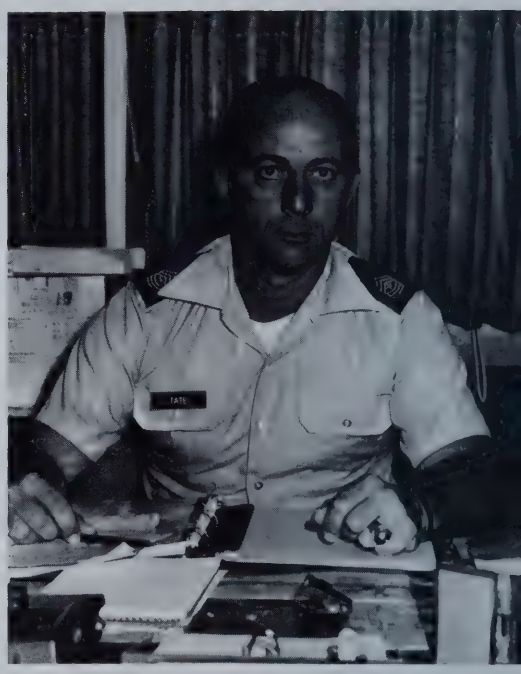

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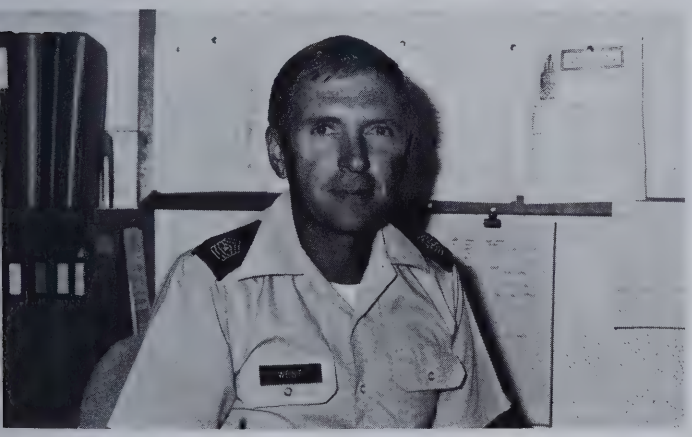
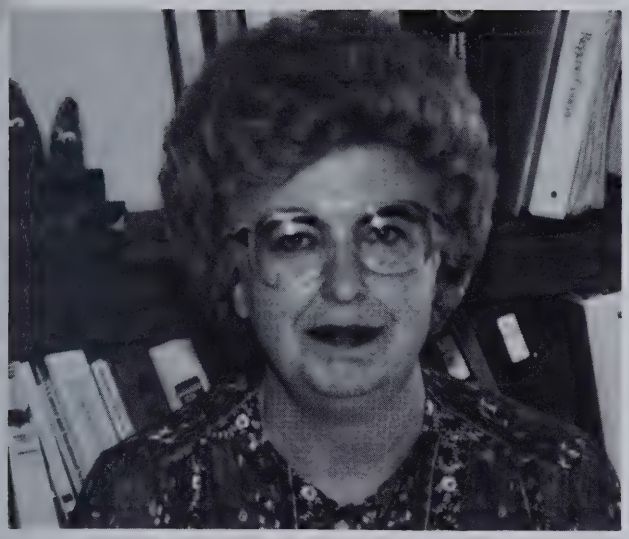
MSG(P) Timothy Nugent
MSG(P) David Holmes
SGM Carl Tate
SGM Dennis Rundle
MSG(P) Joseph LaRocca

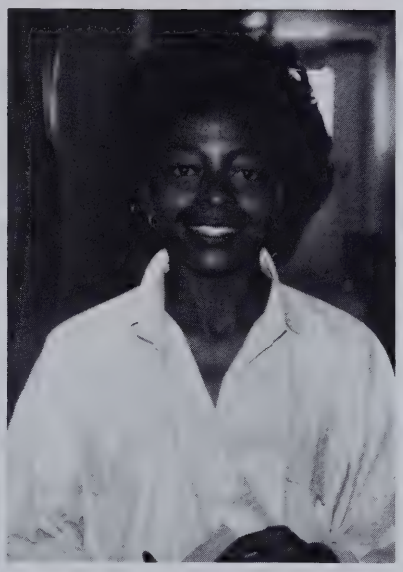


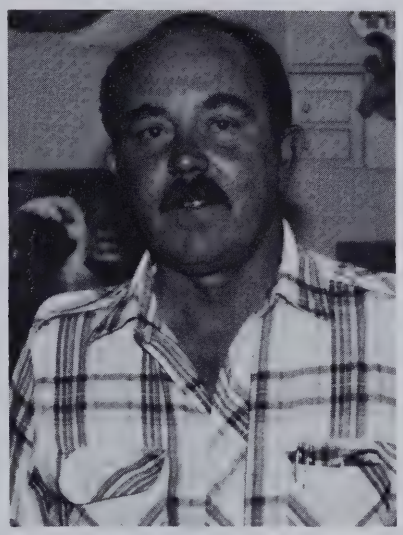
Clockwise, from top left:
SGM Mack Mitchell
(Senior Instructor)
MSG(P) Audrey Bergstresser
SGM Robert Terry
SGM Warren Gilliam
SGM Lonnie West

L.R.C.

(Counter-clockwise, from top right)
Marg Pinnow
Linda Gaunt
Marijean Murray
Melissa Cooper
Delores Rabouin
Yvonne Canales







(Clockwise, from top left) Loretta Gillespie, Ruby Dodd, Dennis Schoefield, Pauline Cox, Holly Davis.

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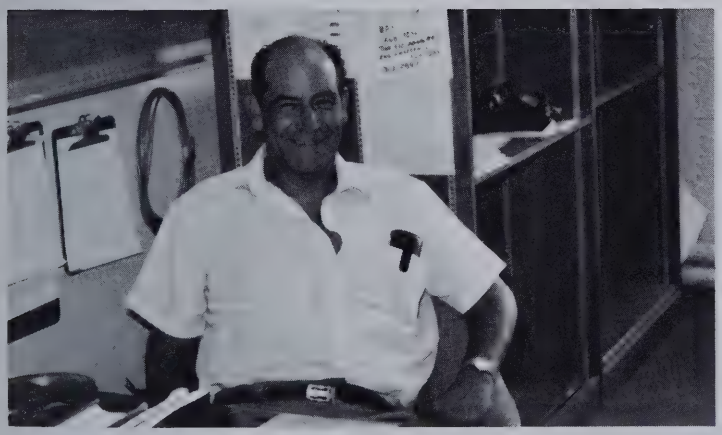
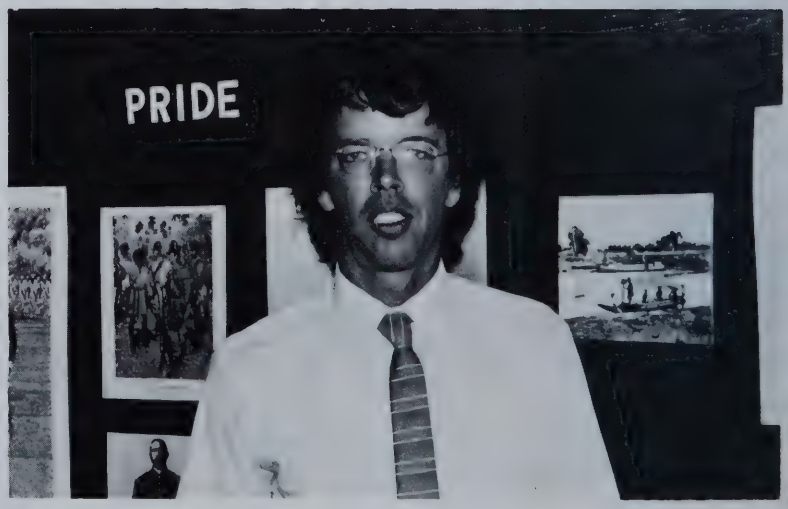


Above: Mr. Ramon Corral
Right: SGT Cheryl Dahl

STUDENT DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Above, left to right: SSG Gary Probus, SSG Willie Thompson, Mr. Richard O'Leal. Right: SGM David Storey.

MUSEUM OF THE N.C.O.

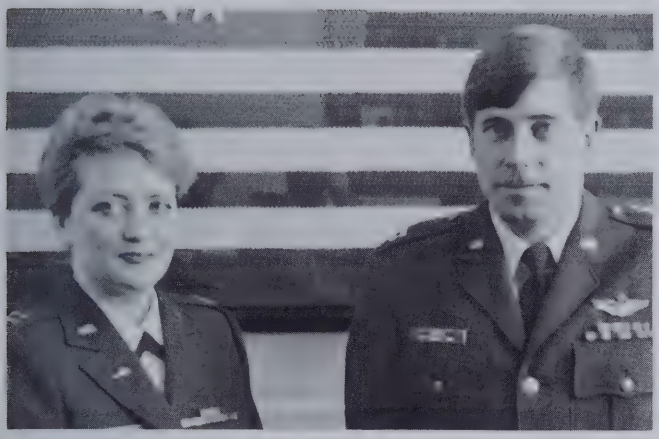


Mr. Lawrence Arms, Curator of the Museum of the Non-Commissioned Officer

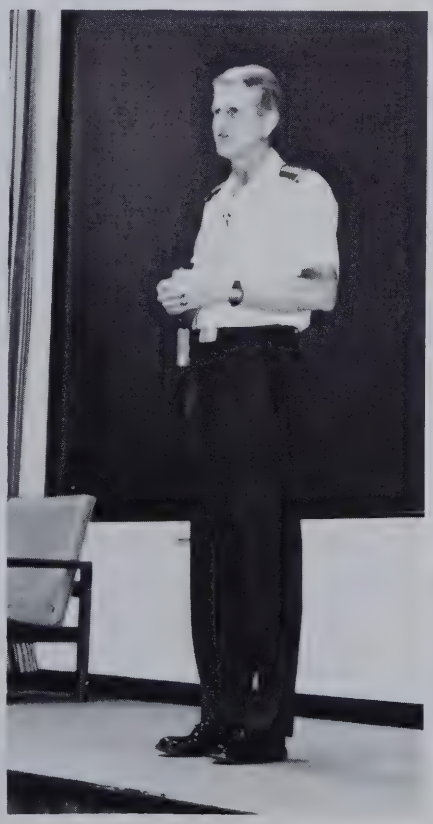
"This is the latest hand held, shoulder fired, aeronaughtically guided weapon, developed for the army."

SCHOOL LIFE

GUEST SPEAKERS



A very important part of our academic life at the academy was the guest speaker program. During our stay at USASMA, subject matter experts from a wide variety of fields spoke to the class, covering subjects such as Stress Management, Health and Fitness, Study Habits, the Army Personnel System, the Army Material Command, the Soviet Union, China, and the Middle East. Speakers came from all over the country, many of whom advise government officials in their areas. Some of the speakers are long-time friends of the academy, and more than once in our stay did we see a speaker inducted into the "Ultima Gallery of Honor" — indicating a significant contribution to the academy's academic content.

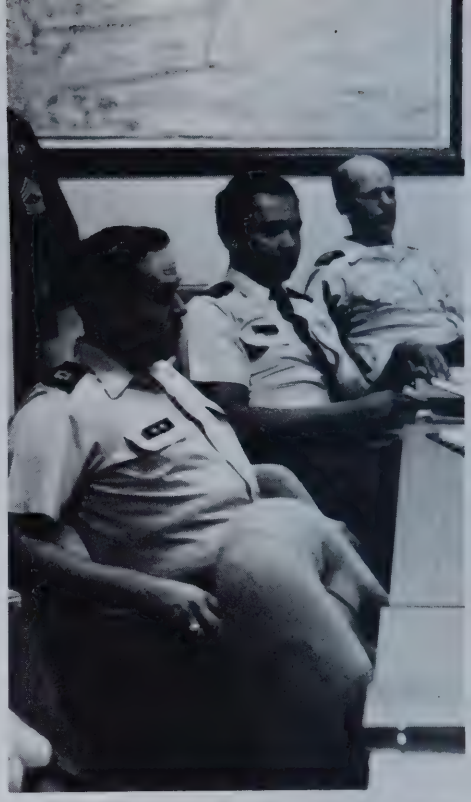


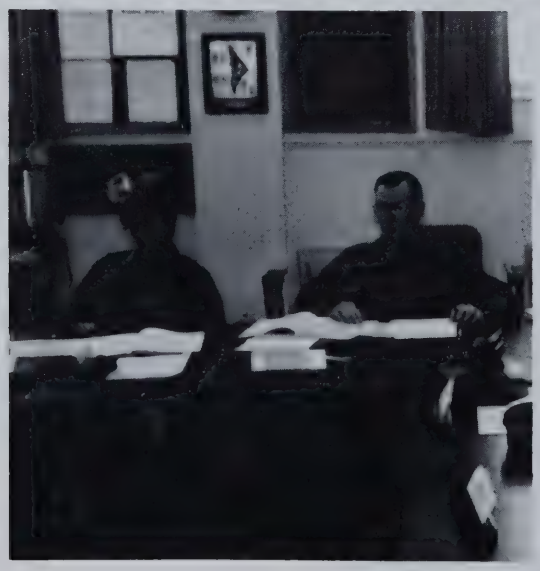
GUEST SPEAKERS

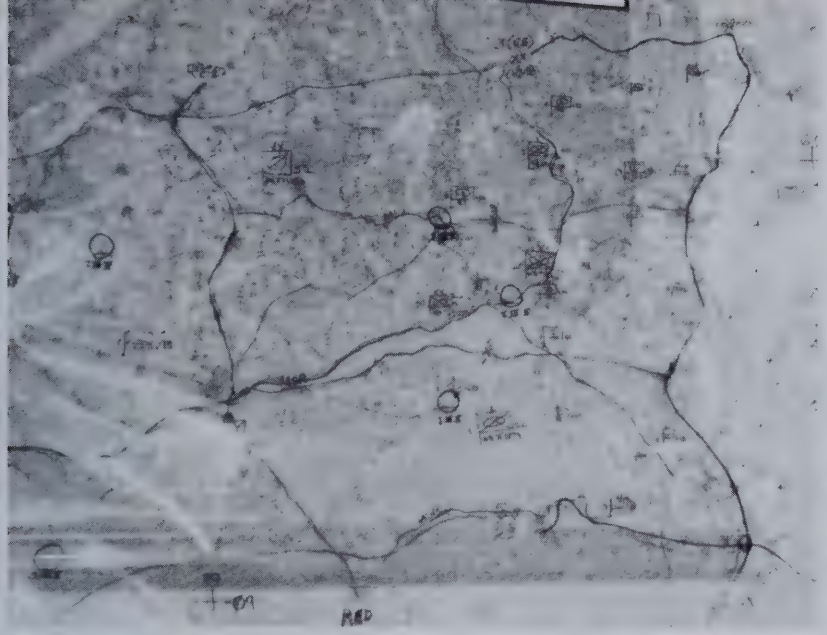
LTC Timothy Williams	WBAMC, El Paso, TX
MAJ Jack W. Briley	WBAMC, El Paso, TX
MAJ Karen P. Hobson	WBAMC, El Paso, TX
Dr. Phillip E. Allsen	BYU, Provo, UT
Dr. Karen L. Gold	El Paso, TX
CSM William J.H. Peters	CSM, TRADOC, Monroe, VA
Dr. Gerald L. Bryan	El Paso, TX
LTG Robert M. Elton	DCSPER, DA, Washington, D.C.
SGM Herbert G. Schwab	DCSPER, DA, Washington, D.C.
LTC (Dr.) Timothy Jeffery	WBAMC, El Paso, TX
SMA Glen E. Morrell	Washington, D.C.
Dr. Sheila Sheinberg	Houston, TX
MAJ Joseph K. Lee, Jr.	SJA Office, Ft. Bliss
COL (Dr.) Harry D. Silsby	DC, WBAMC, El Paso, TX
MSG Craig A. Wisniewski	USAEREC, Ft. Harrison, IN
GEN Glenn K. Otis	CINCUSAREUR/7TH Army
CSM William B. Tapp, Jr.	CSM, USAMC, Alexandria, VA
Dr. Dan L. Costley	NMSU, Las Cruces, NM
SGM Lawrence J. Harris	SGM, EPMD, MILPERCEN Alexandria, VA
BG Thomas P. Carney	DCG, USAREC, Ft. Sheridan, IL
MAJ John T. Duckett, III	C&GSC, Ft. Leavenworth, KS
CMSGT George B. Heimrich	AAFES, Dallas, TX
CSM Julius W. Gates	CSM, EUSA
LTG Max W. Noah	Comptroller of the Army Washington, D.C.
Mr. James M. Alward	DA, Washington, D.C.
MG Kenneth C. Leuer	CG, 5TH ID/Ft. Polk, LA
COL (Dr.) Ray O. Lundy	WBAMC, El Paso
BG Harry J. Mott, III	Dep C, USAR, Washington, D.C.
BG Thomas G. Stone	ASST Div Cdr, 49TH Armored DIV Temple, TX
Mr. Robert T. Shaw	Fairfax, VA
CPT James E. Rennie	HQ MAC, Scott AFB, IL
LTG Nathaniel R. Thompson, Jr.	The Inspector General Washington, D.C.
GEN William R. Richardson	CDR, TRADOC, Ft. Monroe, VA
MAJ Robert T. Middagh/CPT Michael Hill	HQ, TAC, Langley AFB, VA
Dr. Eric A. Hyer	Columbia, U. NY, NY
Mrs. Martha C. Mautner	US Dept. Of State, Washington
Dr. Cynthia McClintock	GWU, Washington, D.C.
MSG George Flanagan	Delta Force, Ft. Bragg, NC
Dr. Bernard Reich	GWU, Washington, D.C.
Dr. Abdul Said	American U., Washington, D.C.
Dr. B.D. Meyers	Univ. of NC, Greensboro, NC
Dr. Thomas Price	UTEP, El Paso, TX
Dr. Thomas A. Callaghan, Jr.	Georgetown U., Washington, D.C.
LTC Gottfried Reissnecker	FRG Liaison, Ft. Bliss, TX
LTC Peter J. Wiseman	UK Liaison, Ft. Bliss, TX
LTC Charles A. Corberand	French Liaison, Ft. Bliss, TX
MAJ Dennis R. Hopper	Candian Liaison, Ft. Bliss, TX
Dr. Burton M. Sapin	GWU, Washington, D.C.
Dr. George J. Demko	US Dept. of State, Washington, D.C.
COL Richard H. Ross	USA Community/Family Support Center, Washington, D.C.

GROUP LIFE

Next to PT, the most fun that most of us had at the academy was in our Group Lifes (that is not a misspelling). It was a new term for most of us, and few expected the impact that being in a Group Life would have on the next 6 months of our lives. To properly employ the small group process, the 250 class members were broken into 20 groups, and every few weeks, we would all switch to a different group. It gave us the opportunity to meet most of our class members, and learn from each other. In the small group process, the students "teach themselves," but learning through discussion sounds easy until you find out that everyone gets his or her chance to "take charge," and become the SDL (Student Discussion Leader). It doesn't sound too hard, until you have 14 faces looking at you, waiting for something to happen, or worse yet, when you have 14 different voices with 14 different opinions crying out at the same time! And they don't give you a gun — just a lesson guide and some VGT's, which don't seem to be enough, sometimes. Usually, the best way to keep the peace in one of these "friendly" discussions is to make a donut run.







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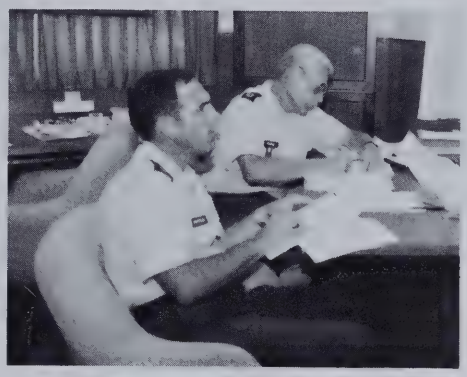
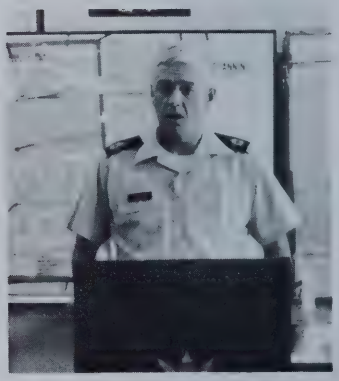
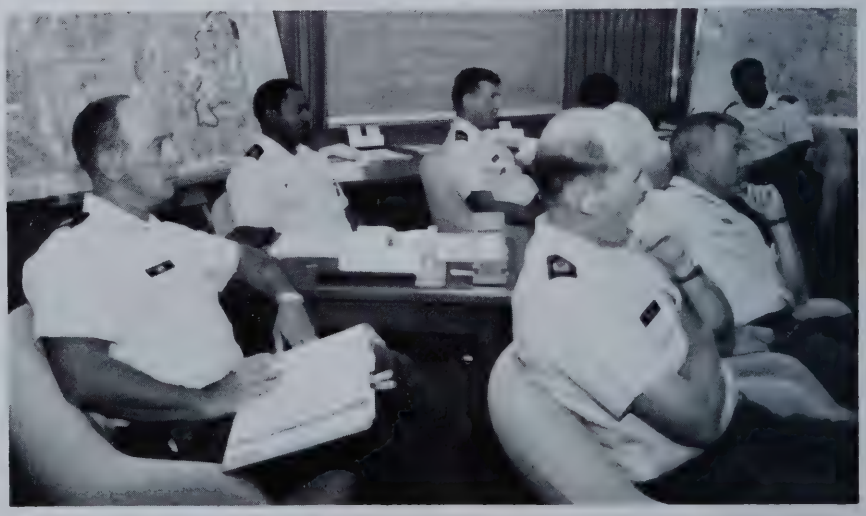
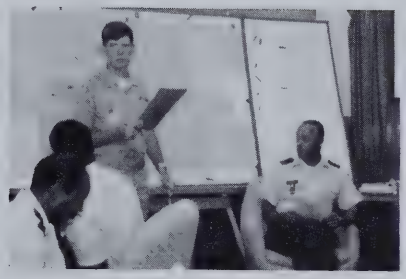


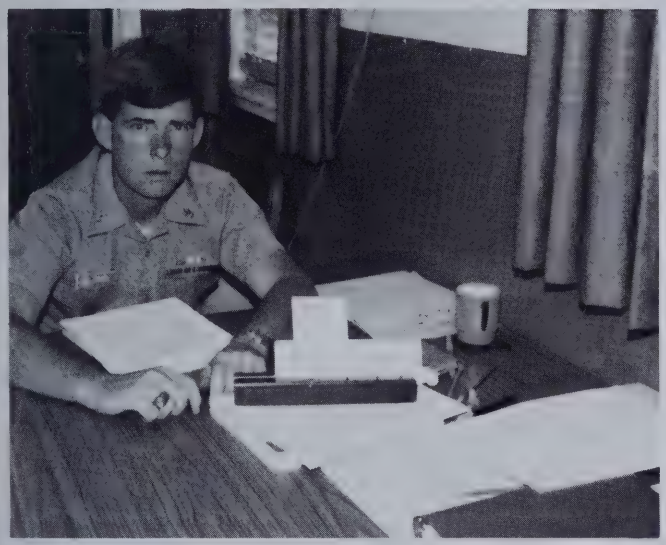
Operation "First Win" was designed to show us how easy it is to fight a war. Of course, we didn't do any real fighting — at least nobody got hurt (to the best of the editor's knowledge). For some of us, it was old hat being on a G-3 or G-4, and preparing staff estimates and coordinating with the other staff members to make sure you weren't accidently doing someone else's job. Not a problem — for some of us. For others, it was what you might call a rude awakening. The rooms were filled with cries of "You can't make me the Chemical officer — all I know is finance!" or "What do you mean we don't have an aircraft carrier on standby?" This went on for three days. But we were brave, and we prevailed, despite being outnumbered by more than three-to-one. We won the war (was there ever any doubt?), and came out without a scratch — good things we're on OUR side!

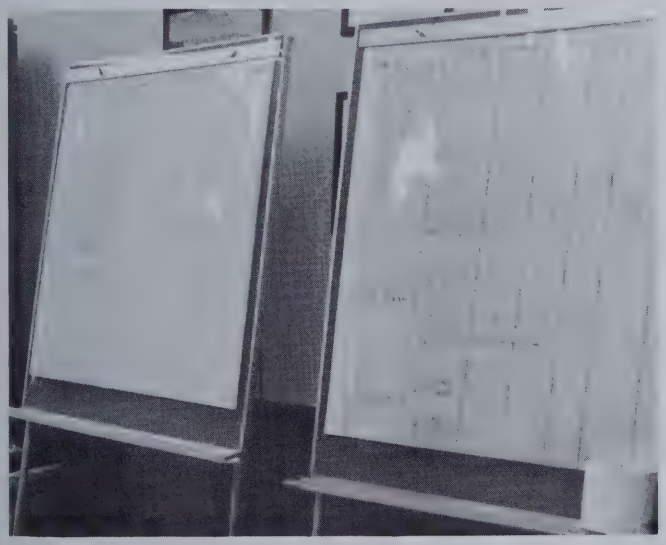
USA

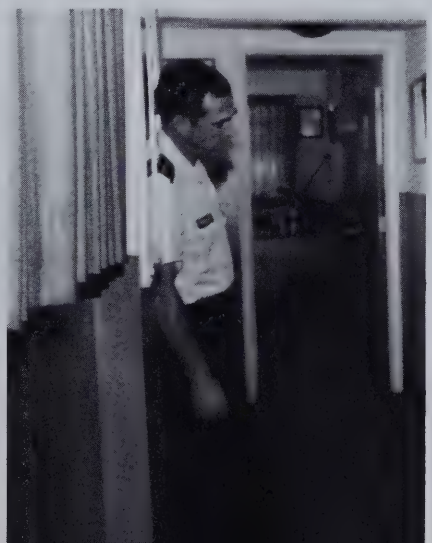






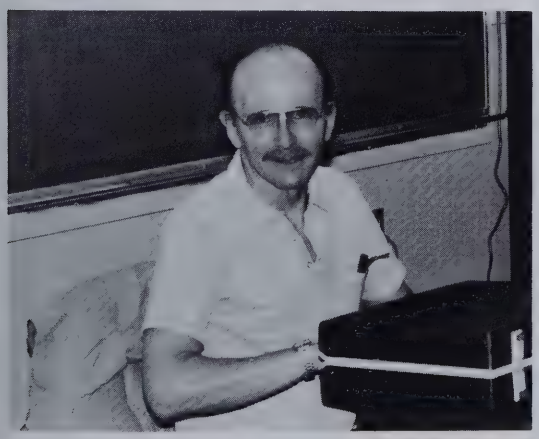






SOMETIMES, THE SCHEDULE GOT PRETTY HECTIC . . .

WITH AN ENDLESS VARIETY OF WONDERFUL THINGS TO DO



TAKIN' IT EASY . . .

Of course, not EVERY waking moment was spent in the world of military academia — we did manage to find time to relax. Sometimes, it took the form of a trip to one of the historic sights in the El Paso area, or perhaps at one of Class 27's Friday Night Get-Togethers at the Del Norte Club. Sometimes, it was simply hanging around the house (or the barracks), or relaxation might be found at a cookout with members of a group life. There are always those, however, who find relaxation in fun things like manual labor. To each his own.

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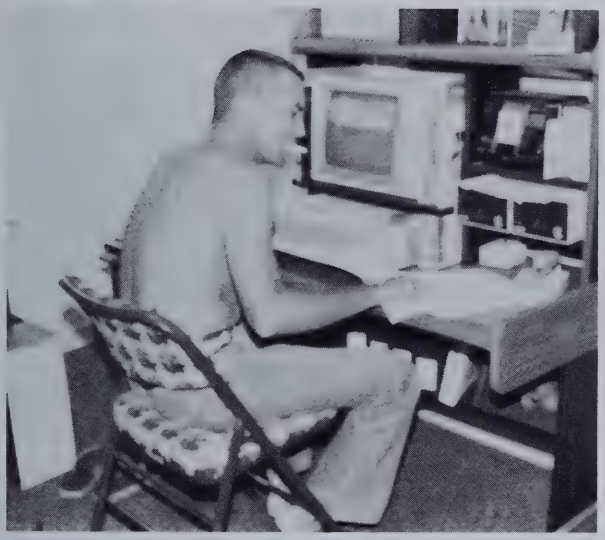

ADA/CAV DAYS

Air Defense Artillery day and Cavalry day presented us with the unique opportunities to witness equipment and operations of these two branches. For some of us, ADA day provided our first taste of an MRE. The more experienced members of the class hit the "roach coach." Both days were a lot of fun, but most memorable was the ride to the range. We could almost hear the Drill Sergeant: "In your Army career, you'll ride in a cattle car twice — once at basic, and once more at the Sergeants Major academy!"

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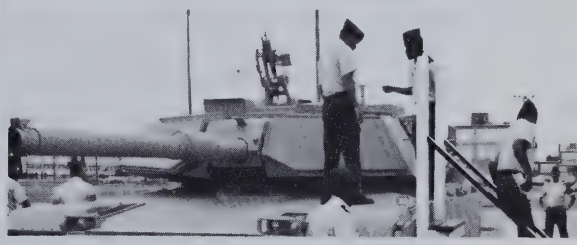

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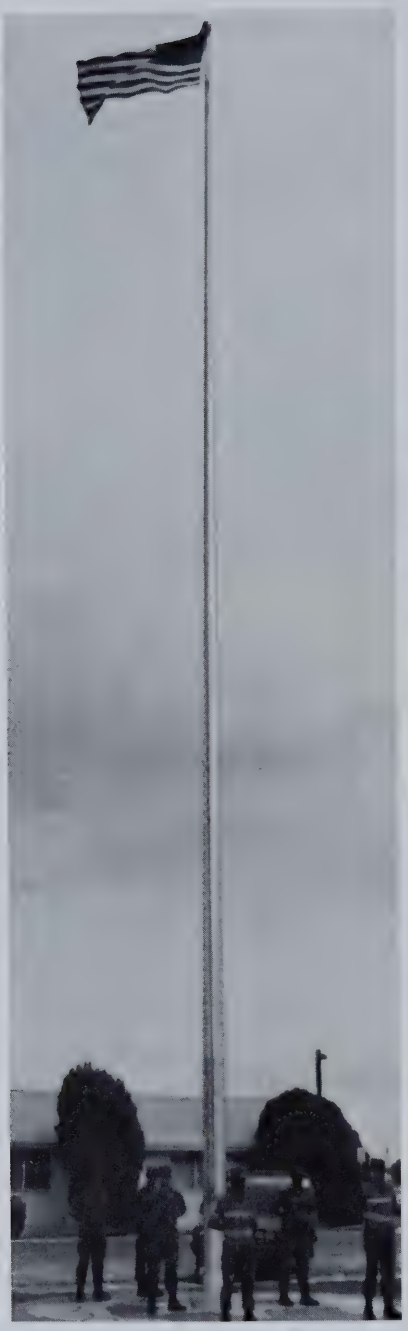
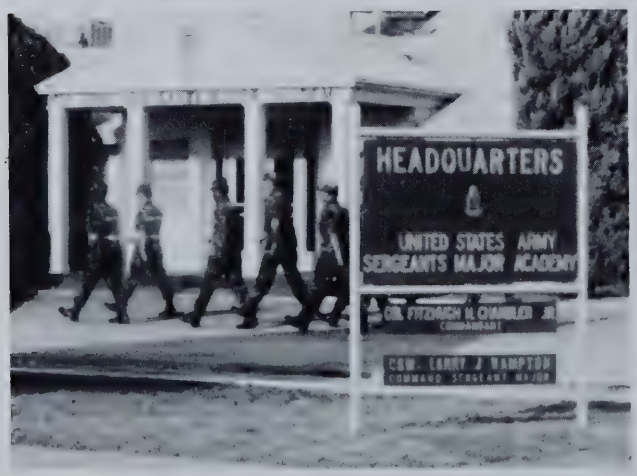
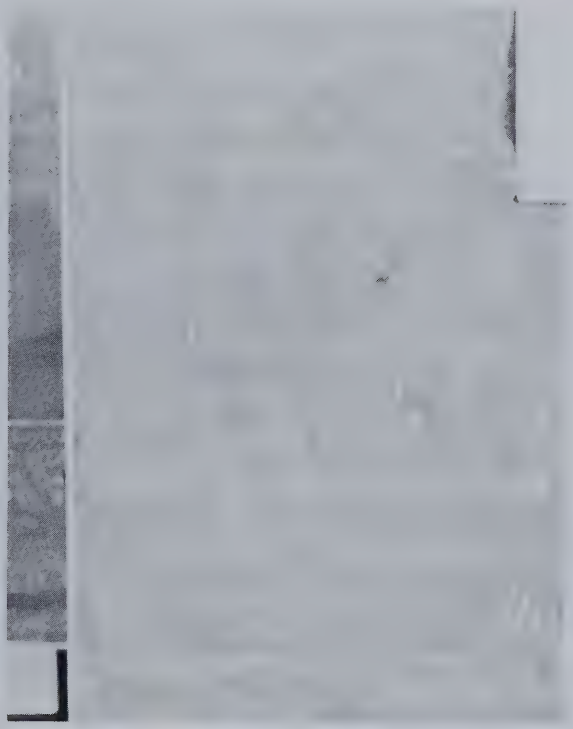




Flag Detail — Our patriotic chore. For most of us, it had been a long time since we had served flag or colors detail, and for some of us, it was fun. Of course, it meant getting up a little early, but flag detail always takes precedence over PT. Actually, flag detail is really no problem, unless it rains, and, of course, it *NEVER* rains in El Paso!

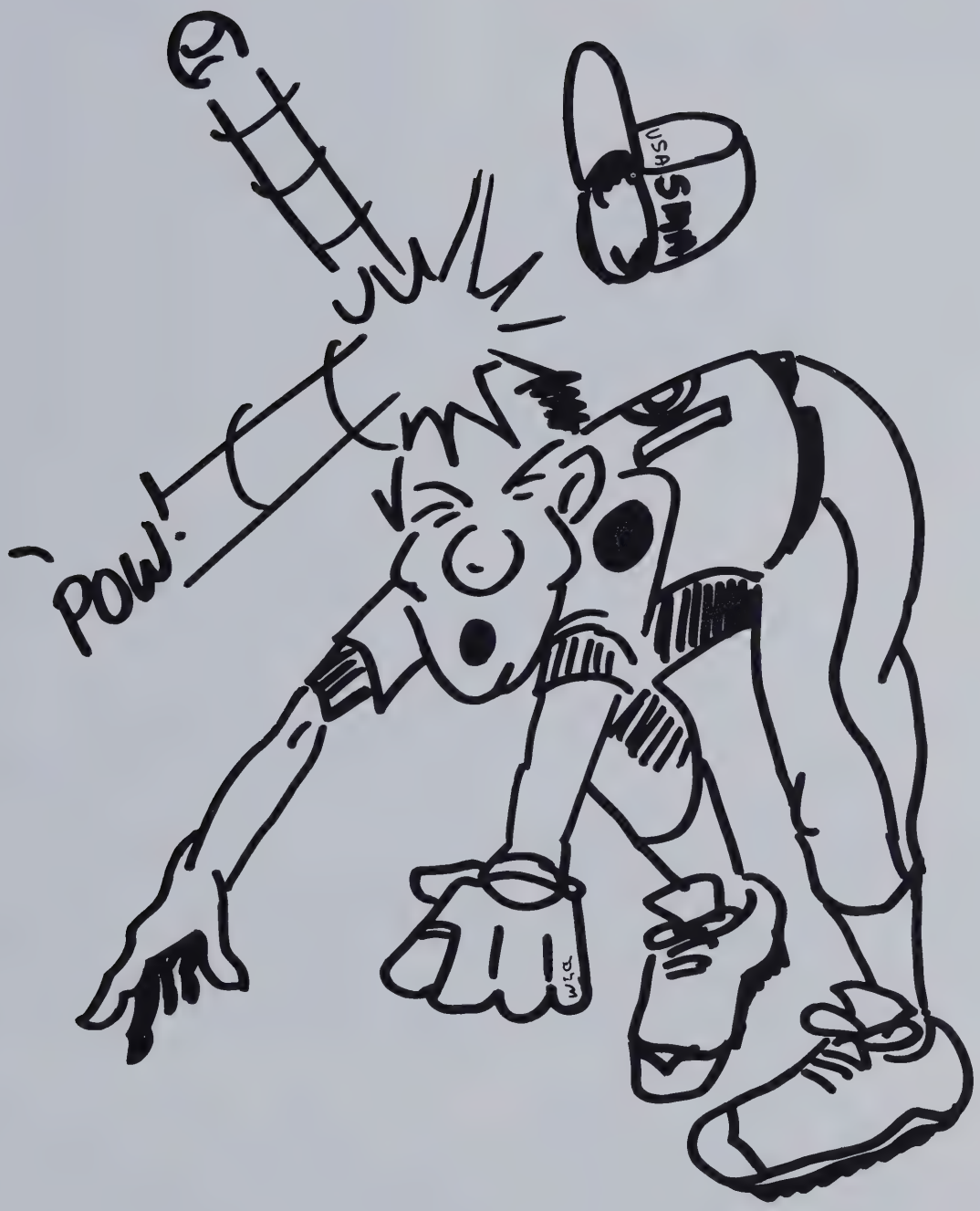
GETTING READY TO GO



One day, the training schedule read, "Housing Outprocessing, Personal Property shipping — Del Norte NCO Club." We all knew that the end was near. After that, we got weighed, bled, and filled out numerous forms. Nobody seemed to mind it much, though. It seems like every cloud *does* have a silver lining!

CUTTING CLASS . . .

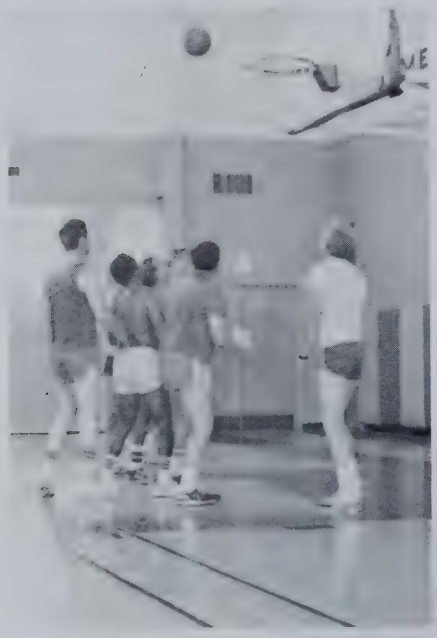
It wasn't so long ago that we didn't *have* to cut class to deal with movers, because the classes hadn't started. Now, just as we're starting to get comfortable, it's time to go. Once again, the Biggs housing area looks like the world's biggest truckstop. At least the rain stopped long enough to get through this!



SPORTS

FRIENDLY COMPETITION

The atmosphere at the academy is designed to be non-competitive. "Go" and "No-Go" were the only grades we needed to concern ourselves with. Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen all together in one place without competing? It doesn't seem right, and that is how the sports program fit in. Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Racketball, Tennis, Golf, and Skeet all provided for us an outlet for those competitive anxieties, and for those for whom the program itself wasn't enough, there was always something like a Trans-mountain run or a marathon to really relax with! Sports gave us the chance to see each other outside of the classroom, and maybe to show up that guy who always gets perfect scores on exams!



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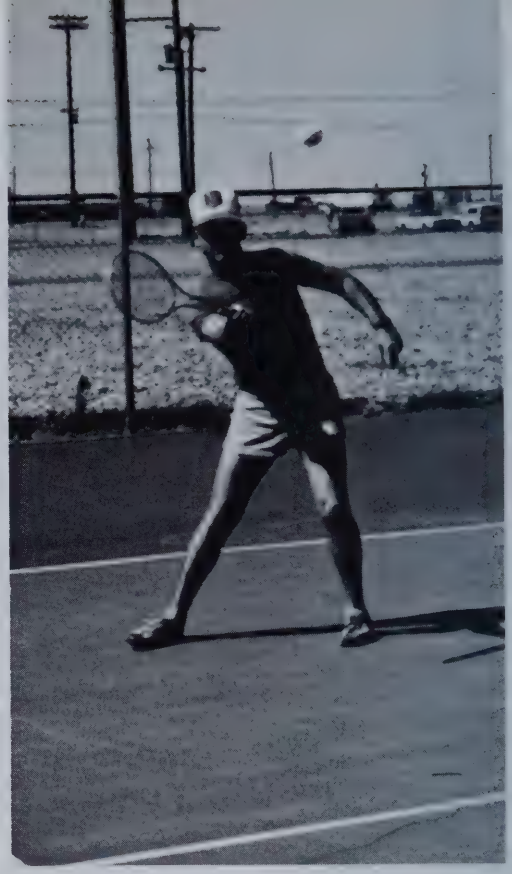


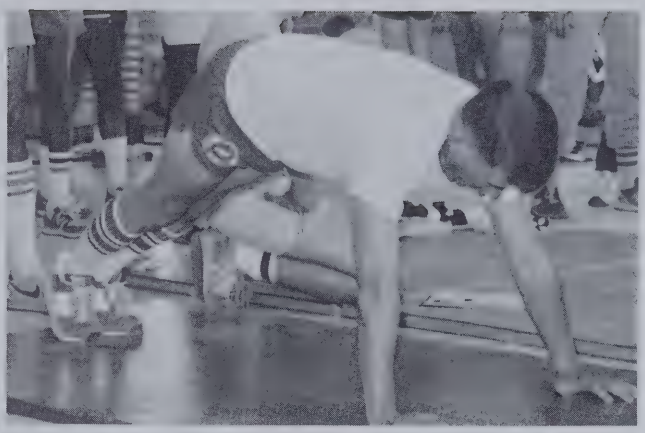
Whether picking sandspurs out of tennis balls, or dodging ground balls on the old diamond, the opportunities for working off steam were plenty. Humblest apologies from the staff to the bowlers and racketball players who were not pictured. We know you took your lumps, too!

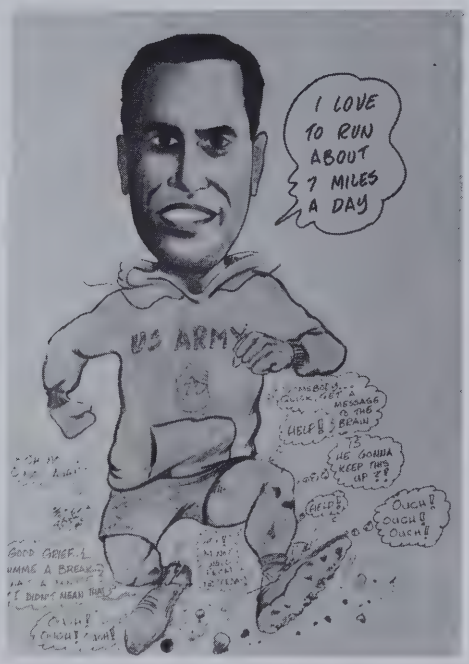
It's been said that at the Sergeants Major Academy, we learn from each other. In the case of the USASMA softball team, truer words were never spoken. The all-student team, over the course of three days of intense competition, taught the USASMA staff a thing or three about how the game is played. Not too bad for a bunch of guys who hadn't played together before coming to the academy. When asked, they'll tell you: "There is *no* substitute for victory."

Some people just can't get enough of anything. In addition to the PT and sports program, the students of the academy also fielded two running teams — the Trans Mountain team (previous page) and a 10K fun (especially if you are a spectator) run for charity. This team was made up of students and a couple of family members.

PT — THE GOOD LIFE

Three days a week, we were out there, living the *good* life. Sit-ups, push-ups, and 2 miles. Some of us really needed it, while the others just came for fun. During our stay at the academy, we took three PT tests, and without having PT on the training schedule, we might have had some real problems. Of course, there *were* days when the school gave us a break and left PT off the schedule. On those days, all we had to worry about were exams!

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US ARMY
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GOOD GRIEF! I
UMMIE A BREAK?
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT

(Front row, left to right) MSG Robert Benson, MSG Roger Bates, MSG Donna Lowery, MSG Thorton Pratcher, SGM Frank Rojas. (Back row, left to right) SGM Dan Buckner, MSG John Streetman, MSG Bill Duff, MSG Alfred Mayfield, Jr., MSG Larry Harris.

BEST OF LUCK TO CLASS 27 FROM GROUP LIFE 1, GROUP 1

GROUP LIFE 1
GROUP 5

(Front row, left to right) MSG Tom True, MSG Buck Buchanan, MSG John Arreguin, MSG Robert Hall, MSG Carl Cook. (Back row, left to right) MSG Jake Jacobs, MSG Dwayne Tigges, SGM Skip Gilliam, MSG Richard Ross, MSG Juan Gonzales

WISHES THE BEST TO CLASS 27

GROUP LIFE 1

GROUP 9

(Front row, left to right) 1stSGT Richard Van Norton, Jr., SGM Jesse Joyce (SME), MSG Junior Smith, SGM John Moncrief. (Back row, left to right) MSG William Stone, MSG Harry Noble, MSG Edward Jurutka, SGM Stanley Ziarko, SGM Bruce Bickford, MSG Allen Hopp, MSG Brian Kielpinski, MSG Albert Franklin, MSG Kenneth Collins, MSG Willie Cain.

GOOD LUCK TO CLASS 27

GROUP LIFE 1
GROUP 13

(Left to right) MSG Larry Gillette, SGM Jack Keefer, MSG Ron Sneed, SGM Clarence Porter (SME), MSG Steve Croft, SGM Cleve Milling, MSG Paul Tobin, MSG John Clowser, MSG Bob Carpenter, SGM Dick Heisler. Not pictured: MSG Chuck Burrows, MSG John Goodbody, 1stSGT Richard Simmons.

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(Front row, left to right) MSG Donald Leonisio, MSG Michael Williams. (Second row, left to right) SGM Theodore Lesselyoung, MSG John Scheeler, MSG Doug Seal, MSG William Pelfrey, MSG Richard Wells, MSG Richard Cornillie, MSG Glenn DeMent, MSG Ben Garza. (Back row, left to right) MSG Charles Moore, SGM Donald Granger, SGM Roland Thibeault, SMSGT Thomas Petruska, MSG Dennis Rundle (SME)

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TO CLASS 27

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(Front row, left to right) 1SG Frank Sanford, MSG Ann Ruth Riggins, SGM Robert Terry (SME), MSG James Shrader, SGM Don Carlton, SGM Patrick O'Leary. (Back row, left to right) MSG William Ainsworth, MSG Turner McGarity, MSG Gerry Young, SMSG William Henson, MSG Walter Taylor.

GROUP LIFE 1 GROUP 18

(Front row, left to right) SGM J. Lewis, 1SG Thomas Wheelock, MSG Howard King, MSG Cheryl Bodenhamer, 1SG Tomas DeLaney, 1SG Dennis Scott, MSG Roger Goodman, 1SG Darwin Premo. (Back row, left to right) MSG Alvin Meyer, MSG John Miller, MSG Joseph West, MSG Luther Lewis, MSG T. Nugent, MSG Richard Garrett, MSG Richard Parker.

GROUP LIFE 1
GROUP 17

(Front row, left to right) MSG Charles Verdugo, MSG Garalee Bruner. (Second row, left to right) MSG James Robertson, SGM Steward (SME), SGM Harry Scruggs, MSG William Nichols, MSG Adalbert Eledui. (Back row, left to right) SGM Liddel McNair, MSG Thomas Saunders, SGM Edward Gurick, MSG David Harris, MSG Larry Stay, MSG Bobby McAllister.

WISHES THE BEST

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GROUP LIFE 1

GROUP 19

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(Front row, left to right) MSG Ken Larimer, MSG Al Ramos, MSG Steve Lewis, 1SG Raymond Reynolds, 1SG Gary Niemitz, MSG Robert Houghton. (Back row, left to right) MSG Roger Pierce, MSG Dick Dixon, MSG David Brewster, SGM Randy Mix, SGM Tom Graves, MSG Ray Willbanks, JOCS (SW) Mark Malinowski, MSG Joseph Morgan.

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GOOD LUCK TO CLASS 27

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THE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FROM CLASS 27

(Front row, left to right) MSG William Mayo, SGM Theodore Lesselyoung, MSG Arthur Souza, MSG Roger Bates, MSG Doyle Norris, MSG William Stone. (Back row, left to right) MSG James Jones, MSG Hiram Brewer, MSG Dale Macumber, SGM Jack Keefer, MSG Ronald Crabtree, MSG Duane Tigges.

WISH THE BEST TO OUR CLASSMATES

THE U.S. ARMY RESERVE

(Front, left to right) MSG Bob Houghton, MSG Ronald Packard, MSG Michael Williams, MSG Garalee Bruner. (Back row, left to right), MSG Victor Gomez, MSG Luther Lewis, MSG Charles Burris.

BEST OF LUCK

TO CLASS 27

THE AVIATION GROUP

(Left to right) MSG Melvin Taylor, SGM Tom Graves, MSG Rufus Stills, MSG Stevan Smith, MSG Paul Tobin

THE CLASS 27 SORORITY

(Front row, left to right) YNCS Betty Bryant, MSG Ann Riggins, MSG Cheryl Bodenhamer. (Back row, left to right) MSG Joyce Martin, MSG Donna Lowery, MSG Donna Dear.

ULTIMA WIVES

COFFEE GROUP NUMBER 1

(Front row, left to right) Kazue Clowser, Kikuko Cook, Louise Adams, Ingrid Burrows, Laura Chlapowski, Lorraine Carlton. (Back row, left to right) Flora Copeland, Linda Caudle, Irene Callahan, Sandra Copas, Diane Blesi, Deloris Bickford, Marlis Buckner. Not pictured: Jeanne Borden.

COFFEE GROUP NUMBER 2

(Front row, left to right) Audra Garrett, Sheila Garrett, Joy Dunn, Gloria Delgado, Sue Porter, Carolyn Graves, Ethel Graves. (Second row, left to right) Carol Cross, Barbara DeMent, Kyong Gilliam, Cecelia Daniels, Erlinda Guess, Carol Provencal. (Back row, left to right) Silvana Cruz, Charlotte Dietz, Carol Graham, Ann Daniels, Annelie Croft, Carol Fiesel.

COFFEE GROUP NUMBER 3

(Front row, seated, left to right) Diane Keefer, Artelyn Harris, Becky Hunt, Molly Leonesio, Susan Kelly, Vicki Lewis. (Second row, left to right) Patsy Hall, Annie Hendrix, Jean Johnson, Klara Jurutka, Marie Harness. (Back row, left to right) Jackie Hall, Eva Davis, Opal Jett, Sonja James, Doris Johnson, Ellen Henson, Sue Henson.

COFFEE GROUP NUMBER 4

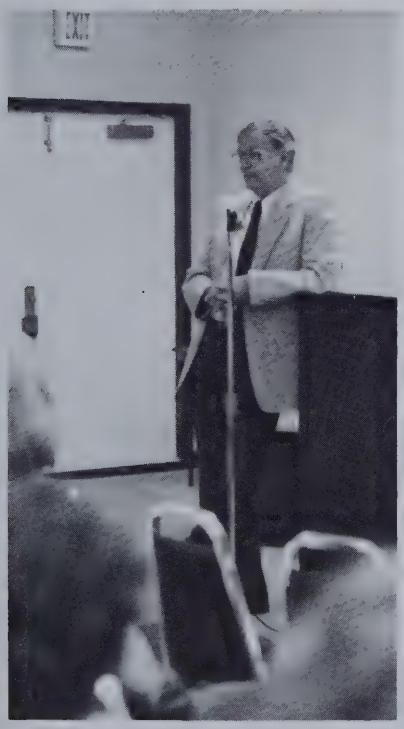
(Front row, left to right) Stevie Mix, Irene Milling, Kathy Means, Jocelyn Malinowski (second row, left to right) Kim Montayne, Dorothy McAllister, Chris Mathis, Phyllis Norris, Sue Lodge, Madeline Nichols. (Back row, left to right) Dora Moutray, Lydia Milliken, Joree O'Neal, Shirley Lynch, Wally McIntosh, Dianne Lewis, Tae Luther

COFFEE GROUP NUMBER 5

(Front row, left to right) Lisa Phair, Swing Merckle, Ann Premo, Queen Pyatt. (Second row, left to right) Terry Rook, Beth Price, Suk Hu Seger, Brigitte Rojas, Phyllis Opperman, Renate Scruggs. (Back row, left to right) Darlene Pichette, Diane Ross, Bonnie Painter, Mary Roach, Ede Owens, Zora Saunders. AWOLs: Brenda Packard, Rachel Parker, Rayna Parrish, Carol Petruska, Sandra Petty, Linda Pierce, Margaret Quintanilla, Vicky Ramos, Cora Sanford.

COFFEE GROUP NUMBER 6

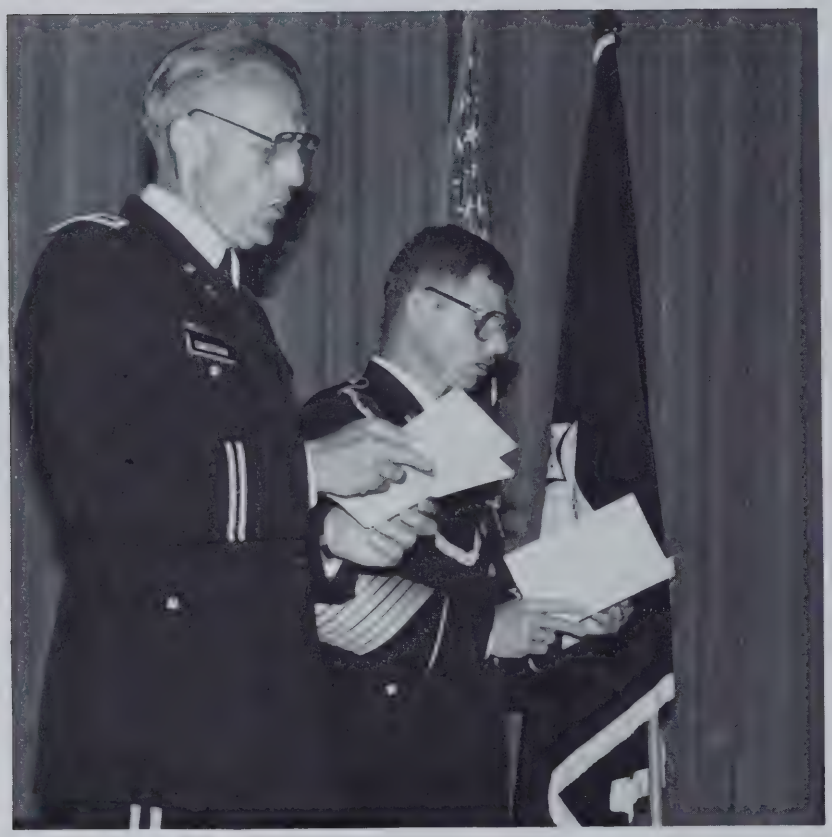
(Front row, left to right) Peggy Underwood, Janice Williams, Katherine White, Becky Stay, Roxanne True, Joyce Verdugo. (Back row, left to right) Ossie West, AnneMarie Wells, Ea Jane Sneed, Linda Stone, Loretta Wilbanks, Pat Herring, Kathy Smith, Linda Webb, Ingrid West, Monika Umholtz, Ann Yates, Not pictured: Mary Upton, Yvonne Williams, Karen Spears, Sherry Van Norton.



While we were in class, or attending lectures, or doing any of the many things that we called "keeping busy," the ULTIMA wives practiced their own version of hectic activity. It seemed as if there was always some activity they were involved in, whether it was meeting with their coffee group (EVERYBODY in USASMA is in a group), attending a luncheon, a fashion show, or makeup demonstration. We've already seen what they did for International Coffee — that's one of many things. The wives also produced a 600-recipe cookbook (and sold 500 of them!), had a bowling league, an aerobics class, and went on numerous sightseeing trips. They also attended seminars and classes, and, oh, yes — they kept their husbands' minds on the books. And we thought *we* were busy!

BACCALAUREATE

6 JULY 1986



The Baccalaureate Service, on 6 July, signified the closing of our tenure at the academy. It was a time when we could all gather and offer thanks for our success and petition for continued success for ourselves and our classmates. Following the service, a brunch was held at the Del Norte Club, and while many of us attended, some decided to keep the day and its feeling more private.

GRADUATI

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Graduation Ball was the last major social event that we would attend as students of Class 27. It was also the only social event that was held off-post. A splended time was had by all. Our Guest Speaker, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (Retired) Leland D. "Crow" Crawford spiced the evening up with a short but rousing speech. Guests came from all over the country — wives, parents, friends, fiancees — and they helped make the evening special. After a delightful meal, an excellent band played until the wee hours. In addition to this being our last major social event, it was certainly the least formal. In fact, not once was our meal interrupted for someone to sing, or stand on a chair, or sample the grog. There wasn't even a grog bowl! The evening was a total success, the only mishap being with some sailor who lost his hat!

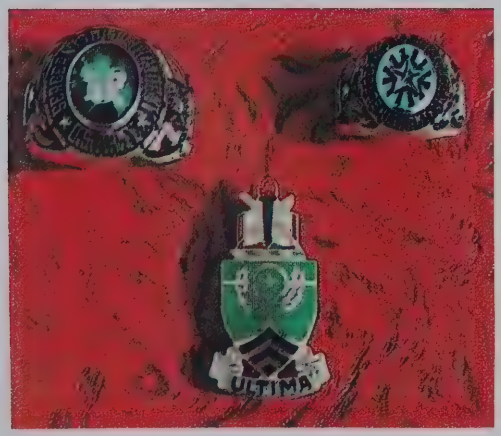
ON BALL

GRADUATION

10 JULY 1986

10 July had been a driving force in our lives for the past 22 weeks, and now, before we knew it, it was here.It seemed a little bit odd to think that we would no longer be checking our boxes at the SDC, or memorizing ELO's. The strangest thing, though, and the thing that none of us thought of until our graduation day, was the fact that this was a parting of the ways for a group of 250 people that had become very close over the past 6 months. Some of us were in a big hurry to leave, but still took the time to exchange an address with a now former classmate. A big day, that filled us all with mixed emotions.

GEE, THAT WASN'T TOO TOUGH!



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GEN RALPH E. HAINES AWARD

The GEN Ralph E. Haines Jr. Award for Outstanding Research is presented to the student group that is judged as have prepared and presented the highest quality research paper on a contemporary military issue. Class 27's winners are (from left to right) MSG Ronald Crabtree, MSG John Daniels, MSG Larry Gillette, MSG Thomas Delaney, and SGM Glenn Dement. Their topic was, "Discuss the circumstances surrounding President Truman's dismissal of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur from the Korean War."

AUSA AWARD

The Association of the United States Army Award is presented to the individual who exhibits the most potential for future advancement. Class 27's winner was JOCS Mark Malinowski. Handing the award to JOCS Malinowski is SGM Clifford Wheelus, SMC Chief Instructor.

IRONPERSON AWARD

The Non-Commissioned Officers Association Ironperson award is presented to the student who demonstrates the highest degree of physical fitness, motivation, and excellence. Class 27's winner was MSG James Brantley. Handing the award to MSG Brantley is SGM Clifford Wheelus, SMC Chief Instructor.

A FINAL NOTE . . .

Hopefully, by the time you reach this page, you are in a pretty good mood. This is what we had in mind when the book was started so long ago. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the assistance that I received in the production of this book. Thanks to the committee chairman, SGM Delgado, for his support, and for letting the editorial people do what we wanted. I would also like to thank MSG (P) Audrey Bergstresser, the faculty advisor, for her advice and guidance. Thanks are in order to SGM Joseph West, and his crew of photographers for their efforts. I should add the name of MSG John West to that list for his special photo efforts. Thanks to MSG Luther Lewis who stayed at school to take pictures while his baby was in the hospital. Special thanks are in order to MSG Joe West and MSGT Howie King for their work producing the student section of the book; MSG Steve Lewis for his terrific effort on the advertising section; MSG Donna Dear and MSG Mike Morrow for their admin support; to our sales people, particularly MSG Garalee Bruner and MSG Paul Tobin for their energetic work; Thanks to SGM Larry Freedman for his astute fiscal abilities. Many thanks are in order for Vicki Lewis, the ULTIMA Wives photographer. Some very special recognition must go to SFC Richard Czizik in the USASMA Public Affairs Office, who pulled my fat out of the fire more times than I can remember (after all, he is a PAO-type). I also need to thank Kevin Grandpre and the folks at Josten's, for their patience with all of our late submissions (what do you mean, deadlines?). SGM Porter of Conference Center 2 is to be commended for his good nature (you should see what his storeroom looks like).

At this point, I'm going to exercise my editorial prerogative and set down a couple of personal thoughts. As a member of the U.S. Navy, I was, understandably, somewhat concerned as to how I would do in an Army school. I soon found out that my fears were unjustified. Never have I been made to feel more welcome than at the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. The courtesy and hospitality I experienced, from staff and students made my six months enjoyable and educational. Thanks for a great time.

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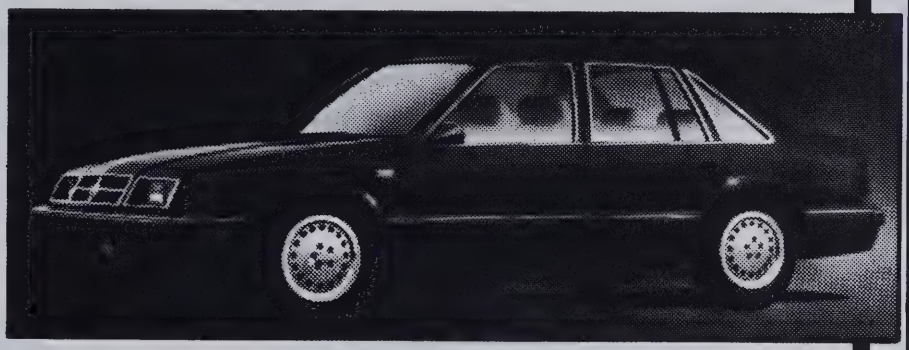

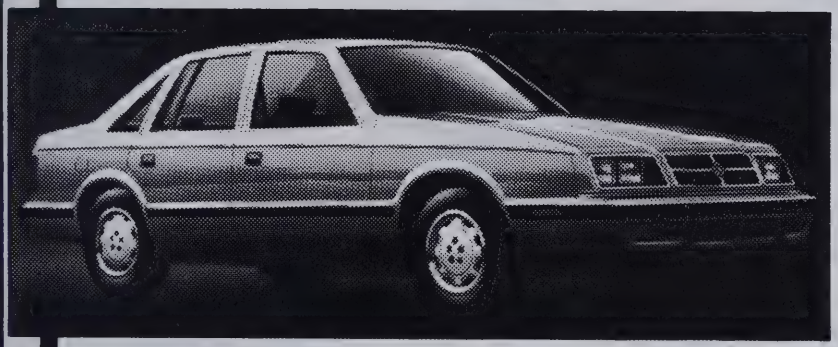

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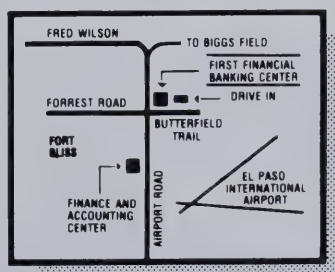

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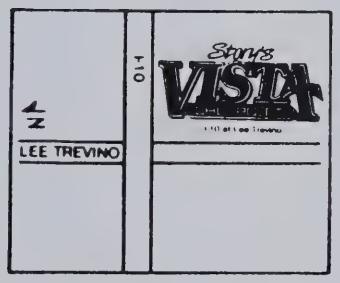

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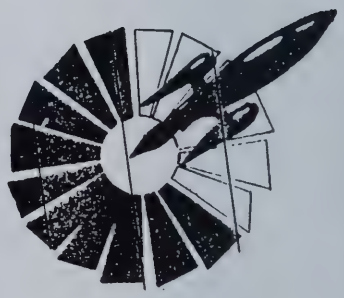

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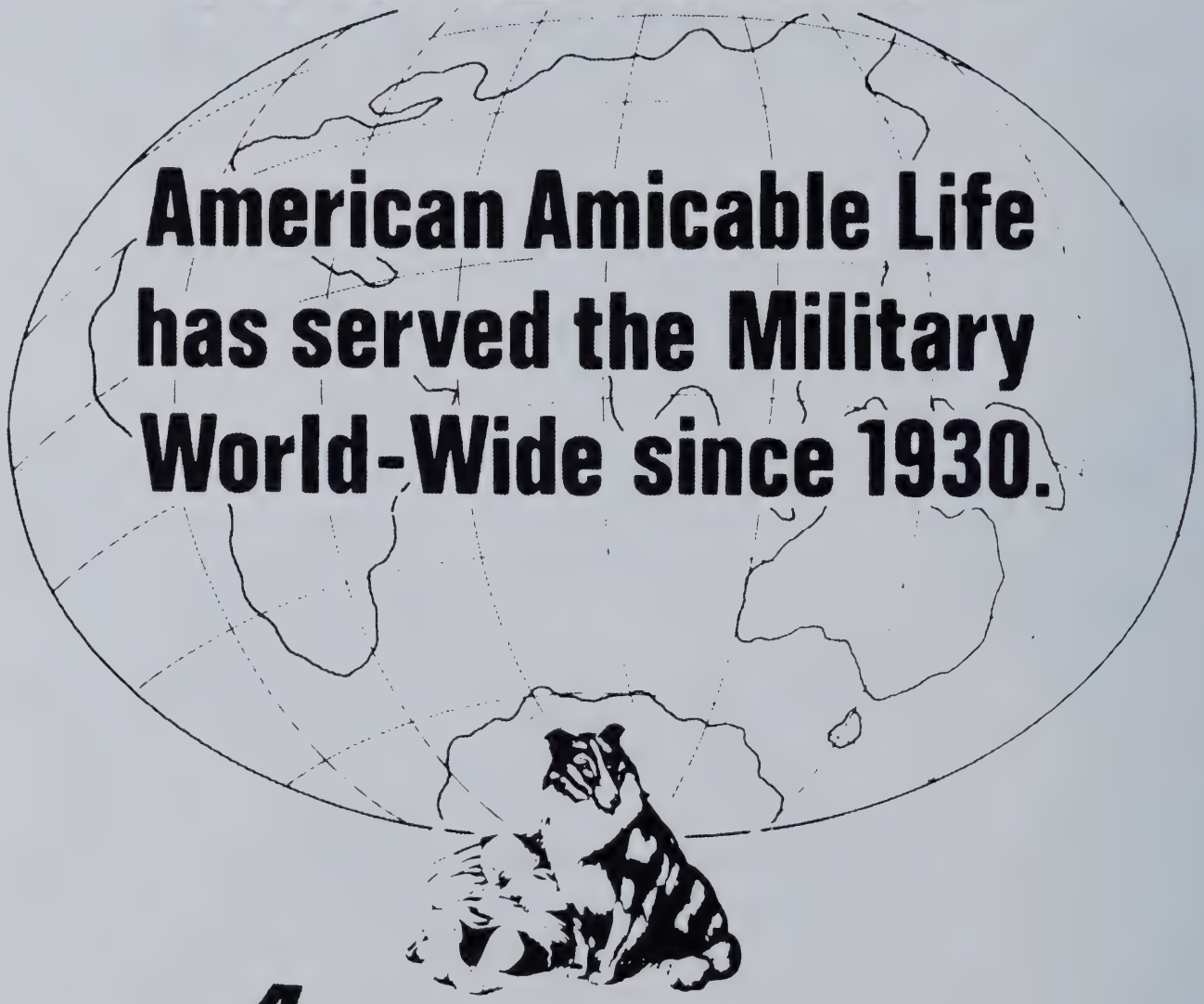

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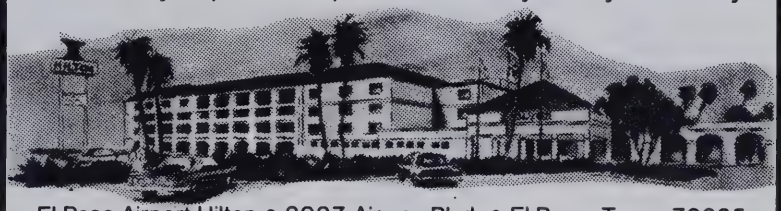

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